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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 215

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 215 would require the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to conduct a background investigation on all appointees to positions which are subject to confirmation by the Senate. Current law only requires the KBI to do a background check at the direction of the Governor.

The bill would allow information received from the KBI to be disclosed to the Governor's staff if the appointing authority is the Governor.

Under the bill, no appointee may be appointed unless such appointee is current in payment of taxes and consents to the release of a tax certification by the Kansas Department of Revenue. Current law would prohibit an appointee from being appointed if such appointee does not consent to the release of tax information.

The bill would authorize the Director of the Legislative Research Department or such Director's designee (Director) to notify the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Confirmation Oversight Committee that the KBI background investigation and the tax certification are available for review. Current law requires notification of the Chairperson and Ranking Minority Member. In the case of the Confirmation Committee, the Ranking Minority Member is the Vice-Chairperson.

Other amendments were clarifying and technical in nature.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the Committee on the bill. No conferees testified.

According to the fiscal note, passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on KBI operations. Also, the Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect.