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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 222

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 222, as amended, would authorize the Emergency Medical Service Board to require applicants seeking licensure to practice emergency medical services to submit to fingerprinting for a state and national criminal history record check. The Board would submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for purposes of verifying the identification and fitness of the applicant for licensure.

Under the bill, local and state law enforcement officers and agencies would be required to take and process the fingerprints of the applicants and release all records of adult convictions, non convictions and adjudications to the Board.

The bill would authorize the Board to fix and collect a fee from the applicant to pay for the cost of fingerprinting. The monies would be credited to the Emergency Medical Services Criminal Background and Fingerprinting Fee Fund which would be created by the bill. The monies would be used to pay the KBI for processing of fingerprints and background checks.

Background

The Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services testified as a proponent of the bill. No opponents testified.

^{*}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

The Senate Committee amended the bill to require the Board to fingerprint applicants and changed the name of the proposed fund to the Emergency Medical Service Fund (the Criminal Background and Fingerprinting Fund already exists in statute).

According to the Division of Budget's fiscal note, no impact to the state's budget would result in the passage of the bill.