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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 265

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

SB 265 broadens the exception to the current law which prohibits state officers or employees from accepting employment with persons or businesses with which the officers or employees have participated in the making of a contract until two years after performance of the contract is completed, to change this to one year from the date the employee is laid off. Under current law, the two-year prohibition is waived for state officers or employees in state agencies that are closed or abolished, including the Topeka State Hospital, the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center, and the Reception and Diagnostic Unit of the Topeka Correctional Facility.

SB 265 broadens the application of this exception to include any state officers or employees who are laid off or scheduled to be laid off on or after July 1, 2002, but still prohibits participation in a contract within a 12-month period preceding the date of the layoff of the employee. The two-year limit would continue to apply to state elected officials and those appointed to fill an elected office and to officers and employees of the Legislature and its agencies.

Background

The bill was requested by the Secretary of Administration to aid laid-off state employees in search of new employment.

Representatives of the Governmental Ethics Commission, the Department of Administration, and the Kansas Association of Public Employees testified in support of the bill.

*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/klrd>

The bill has no fiscal effect.