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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5008**

As Adopted by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HCR 5008 urges that school nurses be designated as first responders. Subsequent to September 11, 2001, bio-terrorists attacks and threats of future attacks point out the need for persons to be prepared to respond to those affected by the attacks. Since school nurses are in close proximity to children who might be first affected by a bio-terrorist attack, and since school nurses are a critical link in the nation's health and defense, state and local representatives are urged to remove any legal or regulatory barrier that would prevent a school nurse from responding to a biological or chemical attack.

**Background**

HCR 5008 is recommended by the Kansas State Nurses Association and numerous school nurses serving Kansas school children. The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services also supports the concurrent resolution with the clarification that the term first responder used in the resolution does not refer to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services "First Responder" level of certification.

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\*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>