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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 441**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Financial Institutions and Insurance

**Brief\***

SB 441 would amend from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008, the sunset date contained in the law requiring parity between health and mental health benefits in all group health insurance policies except for small groups.

**Background**

SB 441 was requested by the Insurance Commissioner whose representative indicated that, in order to be in compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Kansas, along with every other state, must change the sunset date annually. A failure to do so, the representative noted, would surrender regulatory control in this area to the federal government.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates there would be no fiscal effect associated with the enactment of the bill.

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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>