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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 526

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 526 deals with disbursement of E-911 fees that cannot be forwarded to local Public Service Answering Points. The bill would allow this money to be spent to help counties improve their enhanced 911 technologies. The bill would require the money to first be spent aiding those counties that are not yet in full compliance with E-911 benchmarks. Once all counties are in full compliance, the money could be spent on any county.

Background

SB 526 was introduced at the request of the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties. The two groups administer the E-911 program in Kansas that allows emergency responders to geographically locate people who use their mobile phones to call 911. E-911 fees are allocated to counties based on the billing address, primary place of use of cellular phones, or both. Some fees cannot be allocated because the billing address is out of state. Approximately \$58,000 of these fees exist, with approximately \$800 coming in per month. The two groups requested a bill to allow them to spend this existing money to bring more counties into compliance, mostly through training and consultation programs.

The Senate Committee on Commerce amended the bill to require the money be spent only on non-compliant counties. After these counties reach compliance, the funds would be open to all counties.

*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 fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget for the introduced version of the bill indicates any fiscal impact from the enactment of the bill would be negligible.