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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2905

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2905 would require each state agency housed in the Capitol, the Kansas Judicial Center, and the Docking, Landon, Curtis, and Eisenhower State Office Buildings to designate a security liaison. The security liaison's duties would include these:

- Working with the Kansas Highway Patrol's Capitol Police office to facilitate communication on security issues;
- Collecting and disseminating security information to other agency employees; and
- Serving as a contact point for agency employees who have security concerns.

The bill states that Kansas Highway Patrol would have authority to adopt rules and regulations to administer the Capitol Complex security liaison provisions.

The bill would require each office in the Capitol to have a unique office number.

The bill also would require the Kansas Highway Patrol to make its best practices and policies related to security issues available to all state agencies, regardless of their location.

Background

This bill stems from work done during the Interim by the

*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>

Joint Committee on Kansas Security. That Committee received testimony regarding the current state of security from its Advisory Group on Capitol Complex Security. The Advisory Group urged continued efforts to facilitate communication among the agencies.

Proponents of the bill were Representative Goico, 2007 chairman of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security; Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services and a member of the Advisory Group on Capitol Complex Security; Kansas Highway Patrol Captain Eric Pippin, former head of the Patrol's Capitol Police, who headed the Advisory Group; and Captain Dan Brown, current head of the Capitol Police. No opponents presented testimony.

The Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include the requirement for unique office numbers within the Capitol.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Highway Patrol says that HB 2905 would have no fiscal effect on its operations. Employees designated as security liaisons presumably would add this function to their already assigned duties. Potential costs of requiring unique office numbers within the Capitol were not known at the passage of the amendment.