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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 19, 2024
Subject: Seante Bill 542: Making appropriations for the department for aging and disability services for FY 2025 and creating a program for cities to improve and develop infrastructure for homeless shelters.

Senate Bill 542 proposes an item of appropriation and a new section of law concerning the appropriation. Section 1 appropriates \$40 million dollars from the state general fund to the Kansas department of aging and disability services to “administer a program intended to address homeless shelter infrastructure pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.”

Section 2 establishes a grant program to award funds to Kansas local governments for the building of or capital improvements to congregate and non-congregate shelters that provide services for homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. The program shall be for the fiscal year 2025. The department shall award grants to local governments who:

- (1) Propose a building plan or improvement plan for a congregate or non-congregate shelter that provides services for homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness;
- (2) provide wraparound housing services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness;
- (3) collect data required by the department of housing and urban development;
- (4) prioritize long-term wraparound services for persons who are Kansas residents or have proof of presence within Kansas for eight consecutive months;
- (5) provide long-term wraparound services prioritized for Kansas residents; and
- (6) enforce local ordinances regarding camping and vagrancy.

Funding awarded shall be matched by the local government on a \$1-for-\$1 basis. If the local government misuses or fails to use funds or fails to enforce local ordinances or provide required services, then the local government shall pay the department for aging and disability services the amount originally awarded, or the department may file for a lien on the real property constructed for the amount originally awarded. Section 2 establishes a fund in the state treasury for the program and appropriation in section 1.