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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief on SB 3

Senate Bill 3 requires the department of health and environment to audit hospital compliance with the lay caregiver act and report the results of such audit to the legislature.

Senate Bill 3 amends K.S.A. 65-431a, which is the Kansas lay caregiver act. Under this law, a hospital is required to provide each patient with the opportunity to designate a new caregiver upon that patient's discharge. If the patient chooses to designate a caregiver, the hospital is required to attempt to contact the caregiver and provide discharge instructions and education for the aftercare of the patient.

This bill adds a new subsection (f) to this statute requiring the Department of Health and Environment to verify that each hospital is complying with the act. Beginning in 2026, the department shall audit hospital compliance with the act and compile the results of this audit into a report for the house committee on health and human services and the senate committee on public health and welfare in January of each year.