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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 88

Senate Bill 82 requires the state long-term care ombudsman and regional ombudsman to receive training in memory care.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 75-7306, which is the statute setting out the powers and duties of the state long-term care ombudsman, in subsection (f) by adding to the training that the long-term care ombudsman is required to prescribe and provide. This bill adds required training on the rights and needs of long-term care residents who have dementia and strategies to care for these individuals. This training shall include:

- 1) Understanding the warning signs of this condition;
- 2) Knowledge of person-centered dementia care;
- 3) Effective communication with such residents;
- 4) Recognizing behavioral symptoms and alternatives to restraints;
- 5) Addressing specific threats to residents' safety;
- 6) Referring residents' support systems to accurate and up-to-date information; and
- 7) Protocols for connecting individuals living with dementia to local care resources and skilled dementia care professionals.

This bill would go into effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.