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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 387

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 387, as amended, would change the State Fire Marshal's qualifications. The qualifications would no longer require the State Fire Marshal to have knowledge of building construction, but would require the individual to have no less than five-years' experience in fire prevention and inspection, safety inspection, or investigation, or any combination of experience.

Background

One proponent included a former acting State Fire Marshal. Written testimony in support of the bill included the current acting State Fire Marshal, and representatives of the Kansas Fireworks Association and the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Neutral testimony was provided by the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs. No opponents testified on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to delete the requirement that the State Fire Marshal have knowledge of building construction and reworded current law to require the State Fire Marshal to have experience in fire prevention and inspection, safety inspection or investigation, or any combination of experience.

According to the fiscal note, passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the operations of the State Fire Marshall's Office.

*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>