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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 417**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Commerce

**Brief\***

SB 417 would replace various references in law to the former state agency Kansas, Inc. and its president with the Department of Commerce and the Secretary of Commerce. The bill also deletes outdated references to the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation.

**Background**

In 2011, the Legislature sustained Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) No. 37 which abolished Kansas, Inc. as a state agency. Kansas, Inc. provided long term economic development planning for the state. The agency also conducted program evaluations on economic development programs and tax incentives. The Department of Commerce spoke as a proponent, classifying the bill as technical clean-up legislation. The Department has assumed many of the responsibilities that Kansas, Inc. served.

There was no opposition to the bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Commerce.

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\*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>