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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 52**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 52 would amend the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children to automatically make a grandparent an interested party in a child in need of care proceeding. Under current law, a grandparent must notify the court that he or she desires to become an interested party in order to obtain interested party status.

**Background**

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau requested the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs introduce SB 52.

In the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Senator Faust-Goudeau, representatives of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature and the Family Friends Program of Children's Mercy Hospital, and several grandparents appeared in support of SB 52, explaining that grandparents need more involvement in child placement decisions and this bill would help ensure grandparents receive notice of child in need of care proceedings. AARP, United Methodist Youthville, and additional grandparents provided written testimony supporting the bill. No opponents provided testimony. The Committee made no changes to the bill and recommended it be passed.

The fiscal note on the bill states the bill could increase costs to the courts by requiring additional mailings, but a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined and would most

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likely be accommodated within existing resources. Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.