

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 40

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 40 would remove language requiring a law enforcement officer to issue a warning citation from and after the effective date of the act and prior to July 1, 2001, from provisions requiring a driver to move into a nonadjacent lane or, if changing lanes is not possible or unsafe, proceed with due caution upon approaching an authorized emergency vehicle or police vehicle using flashing or hazard warning lights.

Background

The bill was requested by a representative of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, who provided proponent testimony at the hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation. The proponent stated some judges have interpreted the language that would be removed by the bill to continue to require a warning be issued for violation of the "move left or slow down" provisions, which became effective July 1, 2000. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue and the Office of Judicial Administration indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>