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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Insurance

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 6, 2023

Subject: Bill Brief, SB 24

SB 24 amends K.S.A. 40-2,194, pertaining to mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder. This is the Senate version of HB 2095, which did not receive a hearing in this committee.

The bill amends the number of employees that constitute a small employer and a large employer.

For purposes of this statute only, under current law, a large employer is an employer who employed an average of at least 101 employees on business days during the previous calendar year and at least one employee on the first day of the plan year. The bill would change the required average number of employees from 101 to 51.

Again, for purposes of this statute only, under current law, small employer is an employer that employs an average of at least two, but not more than 100 employees on business days during the previous calendar year and at least one employee on the first day of the plan year. The bill would change the required average number of employees from 100 to 50 and would require a small employer to have two employees on the first day of the plan year.

The bill also makes a number of technical changes to the bill to conform to current drafting practices.

If enacted, SB 24 would become effective on July 1, 2023.

The Senate Committee of the Whole passed SB 24 on a vote of 38 to 1 on February 23, 2023.