

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 170**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Public Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

SB 170 would remove the sunset date for the Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT) of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and regional trauma councils regarding the ability to conduct closed session meetings when reviewing trauma cases and any records or findings that are privileged. In current law, these provisions will sunset on July 1, 2021.

The bill would also make technical amendments.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. [*Note: A companion bill, HB 2158, was introduced and passed out favorably in the House.*]

***Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare***

In the Senate Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Board and the Director of the Kansas Trauma Program provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents stated closed session meetings provide an opportunity for trauma councils to review and have productive dialogue on practices that have been successful and areas of improvement in the trauma field.

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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>

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association, Kansas Hospital Association, and Kansas Medical Society.

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDHE indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on department operations, and support for the Kansas Trauma Program would continue within existing resources.

Advisory Committee on Trauma; meetings; sunset