

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 68

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 68 would require an annual payment of a \$10 firefighters training fee for each new or renewed firefighter license plate starting January 1, 2022.

The bill would require the annual firefighters training fee payments collected by county treasurers to be deposited into the Firefighters Training Fund (Fund), which the bill would create. The bill would authorize expenditures from the Fund to be made for purposes of providing financial support related to honoring or training Kansas firefighters or any general use that supports Kansas firefighters. The bill would require payments from the Fund to be made monthly to the designee of the Kansas State Firefighters Association (Association).

Under continuing law (KSA 2020 Supp. 8-1,141), an applicant for a firefighter license plate must also pay a \$40 distinctive license plate fee when a plate is issued.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the Association.

[*Note:* SB 68 contains the provisions of 2020 HB 2531 as recommended by the House Committee on Transportation.]

*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>

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, the president of the Association and another Association representative provided **proponent** testimony. They stated Association membership had authorized the Association board to pursue the fee, and the moneys would be used to support training for firefighters.

No other testimony was provided.

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

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Revenue (Department) indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures of the Department by \$4,350 for one-time administrative expenditures for FY 2022. The Department estimates \$117,190 would be deposited into the Fund for FY 2022 if all 11,719 firefighters who currently have firefighter license plates renew those plates. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Firefighters; license plate; training fund