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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2407

As Amended by House Committee on General Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2407, as amended, would prohibit transfers of real estate to the State of Kansas or any agency, via a probate proceeding or otherwise without consideration, unless written consent is provided by the Secretary of Administration and the Attorney General. The Attorney General would be authorized to bring civil actions to declare any violation of the bill. The bill would exclude state education institutions and community colleges from the definition of “agency.”

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

In the House Committee on General Government Budget hearing, Representative Concannon testified as a proponent of the bill describing a situation where a former mill in Clyde, Kansas, was deeded to the State via probate. The property will require a substantial expenditure to demolish as the City of Clyde considers it to be a public safety hazard. Representative Concannon stated the bill was intended to prevent such a situation from recurring. The Chief Deputy Attorney General also testified in support of the bill.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

*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
The House Committee amended the bill to remove community colleges from the definition of “agency.”

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of Administration states there would be no fiscal effect from the enactment of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.