

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 409

As Amended by the Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

Brief*

SB 409, as amended, would set a sunset provision for the Nursing Facility Quality Care Assessment (Assessment) of July 1, 2030. Under current law, the Assessment would sunset on July 1, 2020.

The bill would make technical amendments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of the Kansas Healthcare Association and LeadingAge Kansas. As introduced, the bill would have removed the sunset provision of July 1, 2020, from law.

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas Center for Assisted Living, the Kansas Health Care Association, and LeadingAge Kansas testified as proponents, supporting the removal of the sunset to allow the Assessment to continue to provide funding for nursing facility reimbursement rates.

A representative of Kansas Advocates for Better Care provided neutral testimony supporting continuation of funding for nursing facilities through the Assessment, but recommended adding a new sunset date of July 1, 2025, and recommended adding measurable outcomes linked to funding

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from the Assessment. The Kansas Long-Term Care Ombudsman provided written-only neutral testimony.

No opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add a sunset of July 1, 2030.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, enactment of the bill would increase revenue by \$97.0 million from all funding sources for FY 2021. The Assessment is estimated to total \$40.0 million from providers, to be matched with \$57.0 million in federal funding, and the combined amount would be used for nursing facility Medicaid reimbursements. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.