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EXPLANATORY NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2877

Conference Committee Report

Brief*

As amended by the Conference Committee, H.B. 2877 authorizes the sale or disposition of several pieces of real estate and authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to enter into certain leases. Specific provisions of the bill include the following:

- The Board of Regents, on behalf of Kansas State University, is authorized to sell a quarter section of farm property located in Scott County, Kansas.
- The Board of Regents, on behalf of the University of Kansas, is authorized to sell property in Douglas County, Kansas.
- The Secretary of the Department of SRS is authorized to sell a quarter section of farm property in Stafford County, Kansas.
- The Secretary of the Department of SRS is authorized to sell 20 acres of land in Saline County, Kansas.
- The Secretary of the Department of SRS would be allowed to enter into office space leases for a period longer than ten years as long as the proposed lease has been presented to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction.
- The Secretary of Wildlife and Parks is authorized to convey, by quitclaim deed, property located in Decatur County, Kansas.
- The Occupational Center of Central Kansas, Inc., is released from the obligation to deed or convey back to the State of Kansas any part of its property on the former grounds of Schilling Air Force Base in the event of dissolution of the

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corporation or discontinuance of the activities for which it was originally incorporated.

Background

The bill, as introduced, included only the authorization for the Board of Regents to sell the farm property in Scott County, Kansas, which had been conveyed to the University upon the death of the owner.

The authorization for the Board of Regents to sell the property in Lawrence is also included in H.B. 2992. This property is located at 7th and New Hampshire Streets in Lawrence and currently houses part of the continuing education program.

The farm property located in Stafford County was willed to Winfield State Hospital in 1947 and has been leased since that time. The property in Salina is the Salina Rehabilitation Center, which is scheduled to close before the end of FY 1998. The State of Kansas received this land in the late 1950s when Schilling Air Base in Salina closed.

The Decatur County property relates to real estate known as Sappa Park in Oberlin, Kansas. The land had been owned by the state and used as a lake and park area, but was deeded to the City of Oberlin in 1969. The conveyance of the property reserved the mineral rights to the predecessor agency of the Department of Wildlife and Parks, and required that the land remain open for free public recreation, including hunting. The quitclaim deed authorized by the bill would remove those restrictions.

The Conference Committee incorporated the provisions of S.B. 611 relating to the state's reverter interest in the property owned by the Occupational Center of Central Kansas. The Conference Committee also changed the effective date of the act from publication in the statute book to publication in the *Kansas Register*.