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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2121

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2121, as amended, would require that on and after July 1, 2020, physicians and other persons authorized in Kansas to administer vaccines report the administration of a vaccine in the state to the state registry maintained for this purpose by the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary). The manner and form of the reporting would be determined by the Secretary. For this purpose, the bill would define “physician” as a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Eplee. In the House Committee hearing, Representative Eplee and representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Kansas Medical Society, and the Kansas Pharmacists Association testified in support of the bill, generally stating the bill would alleviate a lack of complete vaccination reporting in the state and result in a safer and more transparent immunization environment for patients and providers. Several proponents requested a delay in the effective date of the reporting requirement to allow time for the completion of connections to WebIZ (the state’s immunization registry) from multiple, disparate electronic medical records (EMR) systems currently in use by medical providers and for providers still in the process of adopting

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EMR systems to complete the process. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to delay the effective date of the vaccination reporting requirement.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for KDHE or the State Board of Healing Arts.