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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2260

As Recommended by House Committee on Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2260 would amend law regarding the Kansas Medical Student Loan program, which provides tuition and a stipend to undergraduate students enrolled in or admitted to the University of Kansas School of Medicine who have entered into agreements to practice primary care medicine or psychiatry in areas of need in the state.

The bill would change the number of medical student loan agreements from 6 to up to 12.

The bill would also add a provision specifying the University of Kansas School of Medicine may not prohibit or create substantial impediment to students in the program from switching between approved postgraduate residency training programs.

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Clifford on behalf of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) of Kansas.

^{*}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

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Association of CMHCs of Kansas, Kansas Mental Health Coalition, and The Guidance Center. The proponents stated the Kansas Medical Student Loan program is one means of addressing workforce shortages, particularly in mental health care, and attracting primary care and psychiatric physicians to underserved areas.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Medical Society.

There was no other testimony.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the University of Kansas Medical Center indicates enactment would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

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