

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 307

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 307 would amend the Kansas Fights Addiction Act (Act) to include for-profit private entities in the definition of “qualified applicant.”

Under continuing law, the Act allows qualified applicants to apply for grants from the Kansas Fights Addiction Fund for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction. These grant applications must be approved by the Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Claeys.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 21, 2023, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Office of the Attorney General. The proponent stated the bill would not risk disturbing existing settlement agreements or endanger the State’s ability to recover opioid settlement funds and that the bill would expand the potential impact of the opioid settlement funds, eliminating certain unnecessary

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overhead spending in implementing scientifically proven abatement strategies.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by the Chairperson of the Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board as well as by representatives of Acadia Healthcare Company and the Behavioral Health Association of Kansas.

Opponent testimony was provided by a member of the public. The opponent stated the bill could lead to services for substance abuse or addiction to substances outside of opioids and/or outside of diagnosable substance use disorders contained in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The opponent also discussed the concept and effect of patient brokering and regulatory issues for homes and addiction treatment providers.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General states the bill would increase the number of potential recipients of grants as awarded by the Kansas Fights Addiction Act Grant Review Board and the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Department of Corrections, the Department for Aging and Disability Services, and the Board of Pharmacy state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Fights Addiction Act; Kansas fights addiction fund; Attorney General