

February 15, 2012

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2660 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2660 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2660 would add the definition of “day care facility” and “maternity center” to the list of definitions in statute regarding child care facilities that are administered through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The bill would also make the following changes to recently adopted regulations:

1. Limit the licenses that would need to have a sticker identifying the expiration date of the license to day care facilities;
2. Remove the requirement that anyone maintaining a child care facility be a high school graduate or the equivalent; and
3. Allow KDHE the flexibility to utilize limits and modifications on licenses to bring providers into compliance with regulations. Currently, if a provider is in violation, KDHE has only the option to suspend the entire license which would close the facility.

The passage of HB 2660 would have no fiscal effect on the Department as provisions of the bill would fall within the normal activities associated with the licensure of maternity centers and child care facilities. The bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Children and Families which also has a role in the support of the childcare system.

Sincerely,



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