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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 436

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

Brief*

SB 436 would amend KSA 65-180 to establish the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and create a mechanism for depositing privilege fees received by the state from health maintenance organizations into the new Fund.

Each month, from the amount of receipts from health maintenance organization and medicare provider organization privilege fees, the Director of Accounts and Reports will transfer the amount necessary to fund the Newborn Screening Program for the preceding month as certified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), or designee, prior to remitting the remainder to the State General Fund.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Aaron Dunkel, Deputy Secretary, KDHE, as well as representatives of the March of Dimes and Kansas Hospital Association testified in favor of the bill. Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System and the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics also submitted written testimony in favor of the bill.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means amended the bill to eliminate the \$3.0 million annual cap on receipts to

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the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund and amend KSA 40-3213 to remit receipts based on the provisions of KSA 65-180 before the provisions of KSA 40-3213.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill states the bill would decrease remittances to the State General Fund by up to \$3.0 million and would increase the balance on the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund by up to \$3.0 million, depending on the amount expended for the program as certified by the Secretary of Health and Environment or designee. The amended bill eliminates the \$3.0 million cap.