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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2607

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2607 would expand the background check requirements for a person who resides, works, or regularly volunteers at a child care facility. A person would be prohibited from maintaining a child care facility if a person residing, working, or volunteering at the facility:

- Has been convicted or adjudicated of a crime that requires registration as a sex offender in any state or is on the national sex offender registry; or
- Is listed on a child abuse and neglect registry maintained by any state other than Kansas (current law includes Kansas) or the federal government; and
 - Has failed to successfully complete a corrective action plan, after being placed on a child abuse and neglect registry, in any state other than Kansas (current law includes Kansas) or the federal government; or
 - Has failed to have the record expunged pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by entities in other states or the federal government similar to those adopted by the Secretary for Children and Families.

The bill also would update a reference to the Juvenile Justice Authority with the Kansas Department of Corrections.

*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>

Background

At the House on Health and Human Services hearing, a representative from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) testified as a proponent stating the changes in the bill are necessary to comply with new requirements for recipients of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) administered jointly by KDHE and the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF). The CCDBG funds the child care licensing program subsidy benefits, administered by DCF and the child care licensing program, administered by KDHE. A representative from DCF submitted proponent written only testimony. There was no other testimony provided.

The House Committee adopted a technical amendment offered by the Office of Revisor of Statutes.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill, as introduced, may require additional staff time; however, KDHE indicates any additional staff time would be absorbed within current resources.