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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2173**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2173, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole, would require future dental students who are admitted to dental school under the provisions of agreements between the State Board of Regents and dental schools in other states to return to Kansas to practice upon completion of their education, or to make cash repayments. Repayment would be equal to the difference between the cost of out-of-state tuition and fees and the in-state tuition and fees at the school of dentistry attended, plus 15.0 percent interest from the time the student commenced attending dental school. The provisions of the bill would apply to students entering dental school for the first time in the fall of 2004.

The bill also authorizes cities and counties in the state to enter into agreements with persons admitted to dental school whereby the dental student would agree to practice dentistry in the community for a period of time in exchange for financial aid as specified in the agreement.

**Background**

Under current law, the State Board of Regents is authorized to enter into agreements with other states to provide for the guaranteed admission of qualified Kansas residents to schools in other states to pursue an education in a field of study not offered by a Regents institution. One such agreement allows for a total of 80 Kansas residents to be enrolled in the University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry in their dental, dental specialty, and dental

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\*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/klrd>

hygiene programs. Kansas residents admitted under the program are deemed Missouri residents for the purpose of tuition and fees. There is currently no requirement that any of these students practice in Kansas after completion of their training.

As introduced, HB 2173 would require the State Board of Regents to obtain information from accredited schools of dentistry on the availability of seats for Kansas dental students. The Board would then present the information to the Legislature no later than the start of the 2004 Session. The House Committee recommends the substitute bill as a strategy to help address the shortage of dentists in the state.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to change the amount to be repaid by a student who does not practice in Kansas to the difference between out-of-state and in-state tuition and fees at the dental school attended from the difference between those out-of-state costs and the average cost of in-state tuition and fees at a Regents institution.

The other House Committee of the Whole amendment is technical.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced stated that the Board of Regents could implement the bill within existing resources.