

SESSION OF 2006

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR SENATE BILL NO. 84**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

House Sub. for SB 84 would allow the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to establish and provide for the operation of umbilical cord banks in Kansas, subject to appropriations. The banks would be operated in compliance with federal government standards. The agency would make available education and training materials of the procedures and requirements for collecting and maintaining umbilical cords, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid and placenta donations.

No charge or cost would be assessed on a donor, except for donations reserved for use by the donor or the donor's family.

The Secretary of Health and Environment would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to provide standard collecting method guidelines. The bill would allow any umbilical cord bank to enter into agreements to provide umbilical cords, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid, or placentas to research institutions. The umbilical cord banks would be directed to monitor the supply and demand of these items, and to notify Kansas health care providers if the demand exceeds the supply of these items.

The Kansas Bioscience Authority would be authorized to coordinate the use of umbilical cords, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid, or placentas. KDHE and the Kansas Bioscience Authority also would be authorized to jointly encourage and facilitate the establishment of umbilical cord banks in Kansas.

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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>

## **Background**

The original concept for this bill was contained in 2006 HB 2988, which would establish an umbilical cord bank at the University of Kansas Medical Center as part of the Kansas Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The original SB 84 was introduced during the 2005 Legislature and would appropriate \$750,000 from the State General Fund to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for FY 2006 to fund prescription support for community based primary care clinics.