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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2396**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2396 would enact new law to require all Kansas colleges and universities to have policies and procedures in place that would require all incoming students who reside in student housing be vaccinated for meningitis. The policies also would include waiver procedures for those who refuse to take the vaccine. Nothing in the bill would require or would be construed to require any college or university to provide for or pay for any vaccination against meningitis. The requirements of the act would commence with the first academic term starting after July 1, 2007.

Background

The House Committee on Health and Human Services recommended introduction of the at the request of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in collaboration with the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Independent College Association, Washburn University, and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. Testimony at the House Committee hearing indicated that the Board of Regents had approved a policy requiring the six state universities to establish policies and procedures requiring vaccination for meningitis or an opt out through a waiver. This policy will become effective beginning with the Fall 2006 academic semester.

The original bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill would have established procedures for state universities to provide to students residing in on-campus housing detailed information on the health risks associated with meningococcal disease and would required evidence of meningococcal vaccinations

*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>

or submission of an affidavit that the student had received the health information. The universities would have been required to maintain records of the vaccination status of each student residing in such housing. The bill would not have required universities to provide or pay for vaccinations.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill would not be applicable to the substitute bill. The substitute bill does not specify a record keeping requirement for colleges or universities.