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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2813

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2813 would amend one statute regarding the practice of nursing to repeal the authority for nursing school graduates to practice nursing pending receipt of the results of their licensing examination. Under current law, graduate nurses may practice nursing between the time they take the first license examination scheduled after their graduation and receipt of their test results. The law limits to 120 days the amount of time graduates may practice prior to being licensed.

Background

Introduction of the bill was requested by the State Board of Nursing. At the House Health Committee hearing on the bill representatives of the State Board of Nursing, the Kansas Association of Colleges of Nursing, and the Kansas Committee for Nursing Education and Practice presented testimony in support of the bill. In addition, the bill was supported by the Chief Nursing Officer of Wesley Medical Center, Wichita; the President of the Bethel College Chapter of the Kansas Association of Nursing Students; the Chief Nursing Officer of Coffey County Hospital, Burlington; and the Vice Presidents of Nursing for Via Christi Regional Medical Center, at Wichita and at the St. Francis Campus.

Opposition to the bill was presented by nursing students from the University of Kansas, Washburn University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University; and a nurse educator at Butler Community College.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the bill states that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

*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>