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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2143

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2143 would allow the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to deny or suspend a license for hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting when an applicant for a new license or a holder of a license owes child support arrearages or has failed to comply with a subpoena pursuant to a duty of support.

The bill would enumerate a court trustee's duties to include compiling a list of individuals who owe arrearages or have failed to comply with a subpoena, after appropriate notice. The court trustee would deliver the list to the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). The Secretary of SRS would request the Secretary of KDWP to not issue a lifetime license and may make a request if an applicant owed arrearages or had an outstanding warrant or subpoena.

The court trustee also would be required to notify the Secretary of SRS when arrearages have been paid in full by the applicant or the individual has complied with a subpoena or the subpoena has been quashed or withdrawn.

In addition, the bill would require the Secretary of KDWP to send a letter, by first class mail, to individuals on the list who have a new license, permit, stamp, tag, or other issue informing the individual of the facts regarding child support arrearages or the failure to comply with a subpoena. The KDWP would not determine any issue related to child support.

*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

Conferees in support of the bill included Representative Anthony Brown; Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference; and April Holman, Kansas Action for Children. Mark Gleeson, Office of Judicial Administration, addressed the Committee with comments regarding the additional responsibilities upon court trustees.

The House Committee amended the bill to insert the wording regarding individuals with a new license, permit, stamp, tag, or other issue.

The fiscal note indicates that the Kansas Association of Counties does not believe that passage of HB 2143 would have an effect on county governments, but that it may have an effect on the costs of operating the district courts. The Office of Judicial Administration did not provide a fiscal note for this bill, however, so it is not possible to estimate what that effect might be. Passage of the bill is expected to have a fiscal effect on KDWP because of the requirement that the Secretary of this agency send letters by first-class mail to all individuals on the SRS list. However, the agency is unable to estimate what that effect would be, as it has no way to determine how many of these letters would need to be sent. KDWP would have to bear the expenses of modifying its systems, mailing notices, additional record keeping, and administrative appeals and expects that it could satisfy increases in staffing requirements by using temporary staff.

Passage of HB 2143 would cause one-time automation costs to rise at SRS, and the agency could expect to experience a slight increase in annual administrative costs. The bill does not allow federal funding participation; therefore, the costs would have to be fully state funded. For FY 2008, the agency estimates that passage of this bill would cost \$95,000 from the State General Fund. This amount consists of \$75,000 for ITS development costs and \$20,000 for ITS costs related to coordinating and testing court trustee files. For FY 2009, the agency expects it would spend \$20,000 from the State General

Fund for ITS costs related to coordinating and testing court trustee files only. The fiscal effect resulting from enactment of HB 2143 is not accounted for in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.