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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 82

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 82 would repeal the sunset provision for the Residential Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. Under current law, the Act would be repealed effective July 1, 2010.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Committee at the request of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Proponents of the bill included the Interim Director of the Division of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Medical Director, University of Kansas Hospital Poison Control Center.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the Department of Health and Environment currently operates the Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program (KHHLHPP) under the Residential Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. The KHHLHPP administers a Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Remediation grant that distributes over \$1.0 million annually across the state for housing rehabilitation and lead abatement. The Department states that it would lose over \$2.0 million in annual grant funds from the federal government and contractual match funding if the bill is not passed. Without the funding, the KHHLHPP would cease to operate and services to prevent the effects of lead poisoning would no longer be provided.

^{*}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