

Message from the Governor

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby return Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2482 with my signature approving the bill, except for the items enumerated below.

Social and Rehabilitative Services

Section 9(p) that reads as follows has been line-item vetoed:

“During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, no moneys paid by the department of social and rehabilitation services from the mental health and retardation services aid and assistance of the state general fund shall be expended by the entity receiving such moneys to pay membership dues and fees to any entity that does not provide the department of social and rehabilitation services, the legislative division of post audit, or another state agency with access to its financial records upon request for such access.”

I veto Section 9(p) of Senate substitute for House Bill 2482. This proviso would prohibit moneys paid from the mental health and retardation services aid and assistance account from being used to pay membership dues or fees to any entity, unless that entity opened its financial records to the state upon request. This proviso represents an unreasonable government intrusion into the finances of private organizations, and it would expose these organizations' financial records in their entirety, not just those that pertain to state business. Such a requirement goes well beyond any reasonable use of government power.

Dated May 16, 2005

Kathleen Sebelius
Governor.