

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 1:30 p.m. on March 27, 2007, at the Rail on the 3rd Floor of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Richard Kelsey - excused
Representative Jason Watkins - excused

Committee staff present:

Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

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- Attachment 1 Amendment to **HB 2547**

Representative Henry moved to introduce legislation to establish a commission to review hospital closures by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Social Services Budget Committee explained that it is necessary for the Committee to reconsider prior action on **HB 2547** because of a technical correction to the bill.

Representative Burroughs moved to reconsider action on **HB 2547**. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to accept the amendment for a technical correction to **HB 2547**, Section 3, Line 19 by inserting the language "the Kansas development finance authority" after the word "institutions" (Attachment 1) and recommend **HB 2547** as amended favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Burroughs. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2007.


Sharon Schwartz, Chair

1 in effect with the secretary of health and environment under K.S.A. 75-
2 6120 and amendments thereto to provide health care services to medically
3 indigent persons;

4 (f) "loan transaction" means a transaction with a financial institution
5 to provide capital financing for the renovation, construction, acquisition,
6 modernization, leasehold improvement or equipping of a primary care
7 safety net clinic;

8 (g) "medically indigent person" means a person who lacks resources
9 to pay for medically necessary health care services and who meets the
10 eligibility criteria for qualification as a medically indigent person estab-
11 lished by the secretary of health and environment under K.S.A. 75-6120
12 and amendments thereto;

13 (h) "primary care safety net clinic" means a community health center,
14 a federally-qualified health center look-alike or an indigent health care
15 clinic; and

16 (i) "secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

17 Sec. 3. (a) ~~Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts, the~~ sec-
18 retary is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with primary care
19 safety net clinics, financial institutions, and other public or private entities,
20 including agencies of the United States government to provide capital
21 loan guarantees against risk of default for eligible primary care safety net
22 clinics in Kansas in accordance with this act.

23 (b) To be eligible for a capital loan guarantee under this act, a primary
24 care safety net clinic shall offer a sliding fee discount for health care and
25 other services provided that is based upon household income and shall
26 serve all persons regardless of ability to pay. The policies to determine
27 patient eligibility based upon income or insurance status may be deter-
28 mined by each primary care safety net clinic, but shall be posted in the
29 primary care safety net clinic and available to potential patients. The pa-
30 tient eligibility policies of a primary care safety net clinic shall reflect the
31 mission of the primary care safety net clinic to provide affordable, acces-
32 sible primary care to underserved populations in Kansas to be eligible for
33 a capital loan guarantee under this act.

34 (c) The secretary shall administer the provisions of this act and shall
35 adopt rules and regulations which the secretary deems necessary for the
36 implementation or administration of this act. The ~~rules and regulations~~
37 shall include reporting requirements and financial ~~covenants, including~~
38 ~~reasonable financial performance covenants~~ that are appropriate for the
39 type of loan for the borrower. The secretary may enter into contracts that
40 the secretary deems necessary for the implementation or administration
41 of this act.

42 Sec. 4. (a) Each agreement entered into by the secretary to guar-
43 antee against default on a loan transaction shall be backed by the primary

or the Kansas development finance authority

the Kansas development authority

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Except as provided in section 6, and amendments thereto, for payment for a loan guarantee for which the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund is liable, no claim against the state, the secretary of health and environment or any other state agency under this act shall be paid other than pursuant to an appropriation act of the legislature after such claim has been filed with and considered by th joint committee on special claims against the state.

may

loan guarantee agreement with the secretary

standards

The secretary may impose fees and charges as may be necessary to recover costs incurred for the administration of this act.



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