

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 3:30 P.M. on March 20, 2007 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes  
Kay Dick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, Social & Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Discussion and Action on HB 2224 - certain genetic diseases and disorders, education and screening, assistance.(newborn screening)**

The Chair refreshed the Committee on the \$1.2 million that the House put in the budget for this bill and the Senate put \$560,000.00 which was what they thought would cover the non-medicaid births, but that is short. It has been brought up that the Senate is talking about the shortfall, but no definite knowledge has been revealed at this time.

Representative Mast made a motion to pass **HB 2224** as amended. Representative George seconded the motion. **HB 2224** passed out as amended.

**Discussion and Action on HB 355 - sunset for foster children educational act**

Representative Ballard made a motion to carry out **SB 355**. Representative Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Chairman Bethell opened the hearing on Sub SB 354**

The Chair asking Emalene Correll to explain the bill to the Committee. She gave a brief overview of the bill in it's original form and went on to tell that the new act would include amended statues now appearing in Article 40 of Chapter 65 and new statues created by the bill. The parallel statues in Article 46 would be repealed.

The Chair recognized Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, Social & Rehabilitation Services, who testified in support of **Sub SB 354**. Mr. Dalton talked of the primary changes contained in the bill. He also spoke regarding to the DUI treatment program. (Attachment 1)

**Chairman Bethell closed the hearing on Sub SB 354**

Chairman Bethell announced that the Committee would next meet Wednesday, March 21st. Thursday, March 22nd the Committee would be working **HB 2144** and **HB 2547**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



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**Senate Bill 354 - Alcohol and Drug Statute Revision**

**Division of Health Care Policy**  
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**Senate Bill 354 - Alcohol and Drug Statute Revision**

Chairman Bethell and members of the Committee, I am Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Policy with SRS. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB 354.

This is a technical bill which will clean up and merge Chapter 65 Public Health, Article 40 (Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment, introduced in 1972) and Article 46 (Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities, introduced in 1976) to accurately reflect the current language utilized by the alcohol and drug field.

Before 1981, there were two sections within SRS, one that addressed alcohol and one that dealt with drug abuse. The primary reason for this separation was due to different federal funding streams. In 1981, the two sections within SRS were integrated. Funding streams also became integrated. Since that time, alcohol and drug abuse has been treated as one issue.

The primary changes contained in the bill are as follows:

- the separate drug and alcohol statutes were merged,
- language pertaining to alcoholics and intoxicated persons was replaced with persons with alcohol or other drug addiction,
- the reinstatement of definitions previously repealed

A subsequent amendment to this bill found in Section 16, raises the percentage that is to be credited to the community alcoholism and intoxication programs fund from 2.01% to 3.01%. This fund supports the care coordination efforts by the Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Centers to successfully administer the fourth time DUI treatment program. Since this program began in 2002, of the 1,968 offenders that have been assessed for treatment services, 68% have successfully completed all treatment services and 756 are still receiving services. Due to the success of retaining these offenders in the program and ongoing referrals into the program, the costs of administration and treatment services are exceeding the amount of fees forwarded to both SRS, and the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC). Increased caseloads for both the KDOC, and the SRS care coordinators requires additional funding to continue to provide the type and duration of services currently provided.

We support the bill and ask that it be acted on favorably by the Committee. I would be happy to answer any questions from the Committee.