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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 644

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 644, as amended, removes language from KSA 39-708c that reflected the Boren Amendment in federal law that was repealed in 1997. It eliminates Section (x)(2) from the statute.

Background

The Department on Aging spoke in support of the bill, stating that it would bring the statutory language regarding Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) payments to nursing facilities in line with the Aging statute and federal regulations. InterHab, the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the Kansas Hospital Association, and the Kansas Health Care Association all spoke in opposition to the bill, citing language in section (x)(2) that allowed the Secretary of SRS to pay the minimum necessary payment, regardless of costs incurred by a provider. The language was subsequently removed from the bill.

The Budget Division did not have a fiscal note on the bill at the time of its review.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>