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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2744

As Amended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2744, as amended, concerns persons authorized to perform examinations of victims of sexual assault. The bill adds to those who are already required to perform such examinations (physicians), registered professional nurses who have been specially trained in performing sexual assault evidence collection.

The House Committee amendment adds physician assistants who have been specially trained in performing sexual assault evidence collection to the list of persons authorized to gather such evidence.

Background

HB 2744 was supported by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Kansas State Nurses Association, the Attorney General, Representative Rocky Nichols, and the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants. Proponents indicated that the bill reconciles Kansas law with current best practice as it relates to specially trained nurses. The representative of the physician assistants noted that, if special training was necessary for the collection of evidence, the Academy could facilitate that education for its membership.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill will have no fiscal effect on the Office of the Attorney General or on the Board of Nursing. The Kansas Association of Counties reports that HB 2744 would have an unknown fiscal effect on

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county governments because of additional work that would be placed upon county attorneys.