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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2809

As Amended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2809, as amended, relates to tests and inoculations for pupils enrolling in schools. The bill clarifies that a county, city-county, or multicounty health department must provide vaccines for inoculations only to the extent that funds designated by such health departments for the purchase of vaccines are available for such purchases.

The House Committee amendment retains the word "may" in current law pertaining to the use of sliding fee scales for the payment of administrative charges associated with the inoculations.

Background

HB 2809, as amended, was recommended by the Kansas Public Health Association, Inc., whose representative explained that officials in the Department of Health and Environment believed that the law requires local health departments to use local funds designated for any purpose, not just vaccine purchases, to support immunization of children. The bill corrects that "misinterpretation" of the law. The representative also supported the retention of the permissive language allowing but not requiring sliding fee scales.

The bill also is supported by the Kansas State Nurses Association.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates passage of the bill will have no fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Environment, but could affect local health

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departments. It would appear that the Committee amendments mitigate against any fiscal effect on local health departments as well.