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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 70

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 70 would repeal the requirement for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to pass through \$40 of child support collected each month to custodial parents who receive public assistance. This requirement has been suspended by proviso in appropriation bills since FY 2000.

Background

The bill was supported by the Secretary of SRS. Federal law allows SRS to recover the cost of providing Temporary Assistance to Families benefits by retaining child support payments to custodial parents who have received or continue to receive public assistance. As part of the cost recovery, the state must reimburse the federal government for the federal share of public assistance benefits. In Kansas, the federal government contributes approximately 60.0 percent of the total benefit amount. With the \$40 child support pass-through in effect, SRS had to give the full \$40 to the family and pay an additional \$24 to the federal government for the federal share of benefits provided.

The fiscal note states *The FY 2004 Governor's Budget Report* does not include funding to pay the federal share of the \$40 child support pass-through. If SB 70 is not passed or the requirement is not suspended by proviso in the appropriation bill, SRS estimates that the pass-through would cost an additional \$1,176,894 in FY 2004.

*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/klrd>