

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2925**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2925 would amend statutes governing the Medical Student Loan Program at the University of Kansas Medical School. Current law excludes five counties from the definition of "service commitment area" so that medical students cannot fulfill their service obligations in the five most populous counties in the state. HB 2925 would delete Wyandotte County from that list of exclusions and allow students who enroll in medical school after July 1, 2004, to fulfill their obligations in that county.

The bill also amends the statutes governing the Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship Program to expand the definition of "rural areas" for satisfaction of service obligations such that it has the same meaning as "service commitment area" under the Medical Loan Program.

**Background**

HB 2925 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee. Representative Bill Reardon testified to the Committee in favor of the bill. In addition, written testimony in favor of the bill was received from the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. A representative from the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine requested an amendment to the statutes governing the osteopathic scholarship program to reference the definition of service commitment area in the Medical Student Loan Program.

The House Committee amended the bill to limit the authorization to fulfill service requirements in Wyandotte County to those students

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who enroll in medical school after July 1, 2004. The Committee also amended statutes governing the Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship Program to reference the definition of “service commitment area” in the Medical Student Loan Program.

The fiscal note from the Division of the Budget states that the bill as introduced would have no fiscal impact. A revised fiscal note had not been released at the time this supplemental note was written.