

SESSION OF 2005

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1814**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Health Care Strategies

**Brief\***

SR 1814 disapproves Executive Reorganization Order No. 33, which would move specific state health care programs to a newly established Division of Health Policy and Finance within the Department of Administration.

**Background**

Article 1, Section 6, of the *Kansas Constitution* authorizes the Governor to reorganize state agencies within the executive branch of state government by issuing one or more executive reorganization orders and transmitting the same to the Legislature within the first 30 calendar days of any regular session. An executive reorganization order takes effect as law on July 1 following its transmittal to the Legislature, unless within 60 calendar days and before adjournment of the legislative session, either the Senate or House of Representatives adopts a resolution by a majority vote of the members disapproving the executive reorganization order.

Executive Reorganization Order No. 33 was transmitted to the House of Representatives and Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, and subsequently referred in the Senate to the Committee on Health Care Strategies. The Committee heard testimony from the Director of the Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance and the Acting Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services who explained the intent of the Order. In addition, the Committee received testimony in support of the Executive Reorganization Order from representatives

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\*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>

of the Kansas Medical Society, the Healthy Kansas Coalition, the Kansas Hospital Association, and First Guard Health Plan.

The Senate has until the 60<sup>th</sup> calendar day following transmittal to the Senate, or until Sunday, March 13, 2005, to take up the Executive Reorganization Order.