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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2301

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

HB 2301 would establish the Senator Stan Clark Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The bill would appropriate \$300,000 from the State General Fund to support the program.

The Secretary would be required, subject to appropriation, to establish a program to award grants to not-for-profit organizations to provide services for women which enable them to carry their pregnancies to term. Grants would be awarded annually on a competitive basis and would require a \$1 for \$1 match from the not-for-profits receiving the grants.

Grantees could provide an array of social services relating to pregnancy maintenance. Grantees would be prohibited from denying services to anyone based on their ability to pay and would be required to provide adoption education, information, or referral services. The bill would prohibit grants to any group performing, promoting, referring for, or educating in favor of abortion. No part of the grant could be used for any political purposes.

The Secretary would be required to submit an annual report to the Legislature at the start of the session, beginning with the 2006 Session, on the results and outcomes of the program. The bill would require the Secretary to develop a standard reporting form and would specify the information that must be collected.

*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>

Background

HB 2301 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee amended the bill to reduce the State General Fund appropriation amount from \$600,000 to \$300,000. The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to specify information to be contained in the report required from the Secretary of Health and Environment.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to include organizations that provide education, information or referral services for adoption. The original bill required the grantees to provide adoption services.

Proponents appearing on the bill in the House Committee included representatives of the Kansas Catholic Conference, Family Life Services, and Representative Kasha Kelley. Opponents appearing on the bill included representatives of Pro Can Do, Planned Parenthood, and the National Organization for Women.

In the Senate Committee, Pro Can Do, Planned Parenthood, and the National Organization for Women appeared as proponents with concerns. Other proponents in the Senate Committee included representatives from the Kansas Catholic Conference, Family Life Services, and Representative Brenda Landwehr.