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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2520

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2520 would amend current law regarding the licensure of Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and allow deemed status. The bill would allow a currently licensed CMHC that also is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations to have deemed status and be granted a license renewal by SRS based on such accreditation. Currently, SRS performs an annual licensing visit for each CMHC.

Background

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services appeared as a neutral party at the hearing on the bill. Proponents of the bill included Representative Lana Gordon; the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc.; Valeo Behavioral Health Care; the Kansas Mental Health Coalition; and the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance. The Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers was the only opponent to provide testimony at the bill hearing.

The fiscal note for the bill indicates that although the bill would eliminate the need for SRS to annually inspect CMHCs who have this accreditation, the fiscal impact would be negligible as there are currently only two CMHCs that meet this criteria.

*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>