

SESSION OF 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2665

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2665 concerns adoption regarding the termination of parental rights by allowing the court to consider and weigh the best interests of the child. In addition, the bill would allow for consideration of the best interests of the child in stepparent adoptions involving a nonconsenting parent.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The sponsor, Representative Brunk, testified in support of the bill. Others expressing support for the measure included Richard A. Macias, a Wichita attorney; Rachel Pirner, a Wichita attorney; Jill Bremyer-Archer, a McPherson attorney and member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys; and Alex Johnson, an adoptive father.

The House Committee amendments provided technical adjustments to the bill and struck the amendatory provision which would have made the consideration of the best interests on the child to be considered a procedural and not substantive rule of law. The House also inserted the provision regarding stepparent adoptions. This change was taken from HB 2914.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of HB 2665 as drafted, would have no fiscal effect.

*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>