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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2297

As Amended by House Committee on
Aging and Long-Term Care

Brief*

HB 2297 would amend current law to allow fellowship training in geriatric medicine to be included in the list of approved postgraduate residency training programs required for participation in the Medical Student Loan Program or Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship Program. Both programs require one year of service for each year of assistance provided through the programs, in a rural or medically underserved area, as defined by the enacting statutes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Committee at the request of a Committee member. Proponents of the bill included a representative of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, a representative of the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, and students from the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Written testimony was provided by the Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The House Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care amended the bill to remove any reference to fellowship training in geriatric psychiatry. The representative from the Kansas

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Academy of Family Physicians expressed concern and stated that the pathway for a geriatric psychiatry fellowship “is through a psychiatry residency, which is not one of the approved programs for the loan recipients.”

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the Kansas Board of Regents indicated passage of the bill would likely result in increased expenditures for the scholarship program, which could be financed with balances in the scholarship repayment fund.