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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2365**

As Amended by House Committee on Health  
and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2365, as amended, would establish the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital as well as a fee fund, update the catchment areas for the state hospitals, rename “Parsons State Hospital and Training Center” to “Parsons State Hospital,” and make technical and conforming amendments.

***South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital (New Section 1)***

The bill would establish the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital (South Central) and provide that it would follow the same rules and regulations as other state hospitals.

South Central would be established in Wichita, Kansas, Sedgwick County, and would be for the surrounding regional area to expand access to mental health beds in south-central Kansas.

***South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital Fee Fund***

The bill would create the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital Fee Fund (Fund) in the State Treasury. The Fund would be administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). The bill would require that all expenditures from the Fund be used in accordance

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with appropriation acts upon warrants of the Director of Accounts and Reports issued after vouchers are approved by the Superintendent of South Central (Superintendent) or the Superintendent's designees.

*State Security Hospital Extension at South Central*

The Secretary for Aging and Disability Services (Secretary) would be authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain, in connection with and as part of South Central, suitable buildings for an extension to the State Security Hospital for the purpose of holding in custody, examining, treating, and caring for such mentally ill persons as may be committed or ordered to the State Security Hospital by the district courts; inmates who may be transferred for care and treatment; or adult patients who may be transferred from any state hospital for care and treatment.

The Secretary would be authorized and empowered to supervise and manage the extension of the State Security Hospital. The Superintendent of Larned State Hospital would be the Superintendent of the South Central Extension.

***Technical and Conforming Amendments (Section 2–26)***

The bill would make various technical and conforming amendments in multiple locations, including the following:

- Add South Central as a state psychiatric hospital;
- Rename “Parsons State Hospital and Training Center” to “Parsons State Hospital” to more accurately reflect the facility’s current operations;
- Update the transfer process for certain patient populations to South Central; and
- Remove outdated references to facilities that are no longer operational or in use.

### *Catchment Areas*

The bill would establish the catchment area for South Central as the following counties:

- Sedgwick;
- Butler;
- Cowley;
- Harvey; and
- Sumner.

The bill would also update the catchment areas for Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) to remove Butler, Cowley, and Sedgwick Counties and add Cloud County. The bill would remove Harvey and Sumner Counties from the catchment area for Larned State Hospital (LSH) and add Ottawa County.

The bill would clarify that the designation of a county to a particular catchment area would not prevent the admission of persons to a different state hospital when there are insufficient capacities and resource at the state hospital within a person's catchment area.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative W. Carpenter on behalf of KDADS.

### ***House Committee on Health and Human Services***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KDADS, who provided an overview of the timeline for the construction of South Central and explained the need for the statutory authorization for South Central. The conferee stated the bill would provide time to establish the operational and accounting structure for

the hospital as well as the recruitment of the leadership team and development of policies and programming to ensure that the hospital can be licensed and accredited timely. A representative of Kansas Mental Health Coalition also provided testimony, expressing their support for South Central to add capacity regarding mental health in Kansas.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to update the catchment areas for OSH and LSH.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDADS and the Office of Judicial Administration indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency or the Judicial Branch.

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital; state hospitals; catchment; Osawatomie State Hospital; Larned State Hospital