

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2478

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2478 would require an applicant for an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) or registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) license to be fingerprinted for state and national criminal history record checks.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Oropeza on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board).

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Executive Administrator of the Board, who stated generally that this statutory change was a result of the Board's most recent Federal Bureau of Investigation audit with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), and one of the recommendations was requiring APRNs and CRNAs to be fingerprinted and submit to state and national criminal history background checks.

No other testimony was provided.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Board indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing resources. The Board states that any revenue received from requiring APRNs and CRNAs to undergo fingerprinting would be paid to the KBI for the criminal background record for the applicant. The Board states that it would need to communicate changes to APRNs and CRNAs, but that such costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

The KBI states that any additional revenue received from the state and national criminal history record check request sent to the KBI would be offset by expenditures related to staffing and maintenance of the required systems necessary for the dissemination of criminal history record information. As a result, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the KBI. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Board of Nursing; nurse licensure; fingerprinting; background checks