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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Bobbi Mariani, Fiscal Analyst
Re: SB 436—Creating the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund

New subsection (I) in SB 436 would establish the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Environment. The purpose of the fund would be to make expenditures for the newborn screening program. SB 436 would provide that each year a maximum of \$3,000,000 of fees collected pursuant to KSA 40-3213 would be transferred from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund.

In accordance with KSA 40-3213, fees are collected on every health maintenance organization and medicare provider organization and deposited into the SGF. Fees are collected as follows:

- Each health maintenance organization and midcare provider organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act pays to the Commissioner of Insurance the following fees:
 - For filing an application for a certificate of authority, \$150;
 - For filing each annual report, \$50; or
 - For filing an amendment to the certificate of authority, \$10.
- Each health maintenance organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act pays annually to the Commissioner of Insurance at the time such organization files its annual report, a privilege fee in an amount equal to 1 percent *per annum* of the total of all premiums, subscription charges, or any other term which may be used to describe the charges made by such organization to enrollees.

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