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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2077**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Financial Institutions and Insurance

**Brief\***

HB 2077, as amended, would amend the Kansas Uninsurable Health Insurance Plan Act (the Act governing the administration of the State High Risk Pool) to:

- Allow the Kansas Health Insurance Association (the Pool's administrator) to accept children under the age of 19 who are otherwise eligible for the Pool, if no coverage is available under an individual health insurance policy for purchase in the county in which the child lives.
- Increase the statutory lifetime limit from \$2.0 million to \$3.0 million.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

The bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Insurance Department whose representative indicated that the Department has received, on average, requests from at least 50 percent of the group-funded workers compensation pools over the past several years requesting to file the statements after the filing due date. The proposed due date to file audited financial statements is the same as that required of insurance companies (this amended time frame also is

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\*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>

being proposed in 2011 HB 2076 for municipal group-funded pools). There were no opponents to the bill at the time of the House Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance amendments to the bill delete the contents of the original bill and insert the provisions of 2011 SB 14, as amended by the House Committee on Health and Human Services. (The House Committee amendment deleted a provision that would have allowed the Insurance Commissioner to approve any increases in the maximum lifetime coverage limits recommended by the Board (Kansas Health Insurance Association)). The contents of the original bill were included in the Conference Committee Report for HB 2076.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill would no longer apply. The fiscal note for SB 14, as introduced, states that the Kansas Insurance Department indicates that the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect upon its operations.