

SESSION OF 2014

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2515**

As Agreed to April 30, 2014

**Brief\***

HB 2515 would amend various statutes to conform with Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) No. 41. Among the amendments, the bill would update the names of state agencies subject to the ERO and eliminate certain provisions in the statutes contained in the bill that have expired.

The 2012 Legislature approved the implementation of ERO No. 41, effective July 1, 2012, which:

- Renamed the Kansas Department on Aging and the Secretary of Aging as the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services, respectively; and
- Renamed the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services as the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and the Secretary for Children and Families, respectively.

In addition, the ERO transferred certain powers, duties, and functions from the DCF and the Department of Health and Environment to the KDADS.

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## **Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee agreed to delete the content of the bill, as amended by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance, relating to hospital lien filing and notification requirements, and insert the contents of 2013 SB 107, as amended by the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee amendments to the contents of 2013 SB 107 include:

- Updating appropriate statutory references in the bill to reference the KSA 2013 Supplement;
- Reconciling changes to statutes affected by SB 107 that were amended by other bills signed into law by the Governor during the 2014 session;
- Removing sections corrected in either 2013 or 2014 legislation or repealed during the 2013 or 2014 sessions; and
- Amending the effective date of the bill from upon publication in the *Kansas Register* to upon publication in the statute book.

The original contents of HB 2515, relating to treatment of certain insurance company analyses by the Insurance Commissioner as confidential information, were amended into HB 2537 by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance. The Senate Committee then placed provisions relating to hospital lien filing and notification requirements into HB 2515. The hospital lien filing and notification requirements of HB 2515, as amended by the Senate Committee, were signed into law on April 10 in SB 424.

## **Background**

In 2013, a representative of KDADS testified in support of SB 107, stating the bill reflects changes which already

have taken place since July 1, 2012 (the effective date of agency reorganization), and the bill is needed to define the new roles and responsibilities affected by the ERO. There were no opponents to the bill present at the Senate Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The House Committee on Health and Human Services recommended the bill be passed.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Health; ERO No. 41; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; Kansas Department for Children and Families; Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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