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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2611

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2611 would reduce the amount of time a licensed dentist would be required to be present in a dental office for which the licensed dentist is full or partial owner, advertises the dentist's name, or associates together for the practice of dentistry or with persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery. The current law requires a dentist to be present in the office during a majority of hours the office is being operated. The bill would reduce the percentage of time to at least 20.0 percent and would apply to the time patients are being treated in the office.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services. At the House Committee hearing, proponents of the bill were a representative of the Kansas Dental Association; a dentist from Newton, Kansas; an orthodontist from Olathe, Kansas; and a periodontist from Leawood, Kansas. The proponents stated reducing the amount of time required for dentists to be present in offices owned by dentists would allow dentists to open additional offices and expand general and specialty dental services to those in underserved areas.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states the Kansas Dental Board reports the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

*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>