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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2119

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2119, as amended, would revise the Mental Health Technician's Licensure Act. The bill would remove the requirement of the Board of Nursing (Board) to conduct written mental health technician examinations and delete the corresponding fees set forth in the statutory fee schedule. The bill would allow the Board to require fees paid for examinations or reexaminations not administered by the Board to be paid directly to the examination service by the individual taking the examination or reexamination.

Background

The bill, as introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board, increased the statutory cap on various fees related to mental health technician licensure (fees are set by rule and regulation within the statutory cap amounts) and allowed the Board to charge and collect fees for the mental health technician licensure examination and reexamination.

The House Committee amended the bill to remove the requirement for the Board to conduct examinations and the line items of examination and reexamination from the list of fees for mental health technicians. The Committee also amended the bill to restore certain licensure fees that would have been increased in the original bill to the current statutory amounts.

*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>

At the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Board testified on the bill, as introduced, in favor of the bill and indicated the bill was necessary to allow the Board to recover the actual cost for examinations for the licensure of mental health technicians. The representative also testified the bill would increase other regulatory fees to match the amount currently collected on those items for other practitioners under the Board's authority. A representative of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services provided written only testimony in support of the original bill.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared on the original bill by the Division of the Budget, in consultation with the Board, indicates the fiscal effect of the bill would be negligible as the fee revenue would cover the actual cost for the exams administered.