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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2176

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2176 would add an exception to the requirement under current law that mandates a medical facility to give a parent or guardian written notice when a sexual assault examination of a minor child has taken place. The exception would apply when a medical facility has information that a parent or guardian is the subject of a related criminal investigation or when a physician, licensed physician assistant, or registered professional nurse believes it is in the best interest of the child not to provide the notification.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Attorney General. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Office of the Attorney General testified in support of the bill, and the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence provided written-only testimony in support of the bill. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Attorney General indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>