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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2527

As Recommended by House Committee on
Rural Revitalization

Brief*

HB 2527 would remove the sunset date for the Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT) of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and regional trauma councils regarding the ability to conduct closed session meetings when reviewing trauma cases and any records or findings that are privileged. Current law would sunset these provisions on July 1, 2021.

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Rural Revitalization at the request of Representative Murnan.

In the House Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Board, the Director of the Trauma Program at the KDHE, and the ACT Vice-Chairman provided proponent testimony. The proponents stated the closed session meetings and privileged records and findings are part of the ACT's and regional trauma councils' peer review process, where there is critical assessment of trauma systems access and function, incident care delivery, and monitoring of the implementation of site-specific trauma protocols. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a member of the Southeast Kansas Rural Trauma Council.

*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>

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar on February 11, 2020, but the bill was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and placed on General Orders on February 17, 2020. The bill was withdrawn from the House Calendar and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on February 26, 2020. The bill was then withdrawn from the House Committee on Appropriations and rereferred to the House Committee on Rural Revitalization on March 4, 2020. The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar on March 11, 2020.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDHE indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations and support for ACT would continue within existing resources.