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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2028

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2028 would amend the Mental Health Technician's Licensure Act by removing the requirement the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) conduct mental health technician examinations and by deleting the corresponding fees set forth in the statutory fee schedule. The bill would require fees for an examination prescribed by the Board for a licensed mental health technician (LMHT) be paid directly to the examination service by the individual taking the examination or reexamination.

Additionally, the bill would change the description of services included in the definition of the practice of mental health technology by deleting "responsible nursing for patients with mental illness or intellectual disability" and inserting "participation and provision of input into the development of person-centered treatment plans for individuals or groups of individuals specified in paragraph (b)" (those specified in paragraph (b) are "the mentally ill, emotionally disturbed, or people with intellectual disability") and by including facilitating habilitation of individuals. The bill also would replace the term "patient" with "individual" and make technical amendments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board. At

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the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Board testified in support of the bill. The representative stated the current cost of the LMHT examination is \$215, which is developed through a contract between the Board and a testing company. The representative stated 8 individuals have taken the examination at a cost of \$1,720. Of the cost of \$1,720, the Board has received \$320 from the graduates who took the examination because of the \$40 cap the Board can charge for each examination and reexamination.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board estimates enactment of the bill would reduce future expenditures because licensees would pay the examination fee directly to the examination service.