

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 381

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 381, as amended, would add obstetrics and gynecology (OBGYN) to the list of qualifying residency training programs under both the Medical Student Loan Program and the Kansas Medical Residency Bridging Loan Program. This would authorize the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) to offer loan assistance and enter into service commitment agreements with students who seek to pursue a medical career in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

The bill would establish criteria for determining when an individual would be deemed to have failed to complete the service requirement of either loan assistance program. Any person who entered and completed an approved OBGYN residency program under either loan assistance program would be deemed to have failed to complete the service requirement if the person establishes any abortion clinic or performs, induces, or attempts to perform or induce an abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency or in the case of a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

The bill would establish two funds to be used to administer and fund the OBGYN portions of the loan assistance programs. The OBGYN Medical Loan Repayment Fund would be used to provide funds to students under the Medical Student Loan Program. The OBGYN Medical Residency Bridging Fund would be used to provide funds to OBGYN residents under the Kansas Medical Residency

*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>

Bridging Loan Program. The bill would require appropriations to be made to these funds to provide loan assistance to OBGYN students or residents.

The bill would also make technical amendments.

[*Note:* The Medical Student Loan Program (KSA 76-382 *et seq.*) authorizes the payment of medical student tuition and a monthly stipend to any medical student who agrees to enter an approved postgraduate residency training program and agrees to practice medicine in an approved service commitment area. The Kansas Medical Residency Bridging Loan Program (KSA 76-387 *et seq.*) authorizes payment in the amount of \$5,000 for each subsequent year of residency training for any person who has completed one year of residency training. The program also authorizes the payment of \$6,000 upon completion of the residency training program.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of Senator Baumgardner.

In the Senate Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by Senator Baumgardner, who stated 77 of Kansas' 105 counties have no OBGYN practitioners and Kansas is one of four states that does not include obstetrics and gynecology in their rural and underserved loan repayment programs.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, Kansas Medical Society, and University of Kansas Medical Center.

No opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to:

- Clarify the title of the bill;
- Exclude abortions performed in the case of a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest from the criteria for determining when an individual would be deemed to have failed to complete the service requirement of either loan assistance program; and
- Specify expenditures for the OBGYN portion of the Kansas Medical Resident Bridging Loan Program could be made only from the OBGYN Medical Loan Repayment Fund.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the KUMC indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect. The Division of the Budget notes the new funds would need to be included in an appropriations bill so that KUMC could make expenditures as outlined in the bill.