

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2158

As Recommended by House Committee on
Financial Institutions and Rural Development

Brief*

HB 2158 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. In current law, these provisions will sunset on July 1, 2021.

The bill would also make technical amendments.

Background

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

[*Note:* The provisions of HB 2158 are similar to the provisions of 2020 HB 2527, as recommended by the House Committee on Rural Revitalization.]

***House Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural
Development***

In the House Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Board, Director of the Trauma Program at KDHE, and the State Chair of the Kansas

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Chapter of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons 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, in which there is critical assessment of trauma system access and function, incident care delivery, and monitoring of the implementation of site-specific trauma protocols.

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by the Chairperson of ACT and representatives of the Kansas Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Kansas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association, Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Medical Society, and Southeast Kansas Rural Trauma Council.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

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.

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