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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 55

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Education

Brief*

SB 55 would clarify the authority of healing arts school clinics to provide healing arts services. The bill would allow schools statutorily exempted from State Board of Regents (Board) approval requirements to be exempted from the prohibition on the corporate practice of medicine. Current law requires that for a school clinic to be exempted from the prohibition on the corporate practice of medicine, the school must be approved by the Board.

The bill would also allow off-site clinics owned or operated by a school in partnership with other providers to engage in the practice of healing arts.

The bill would make technical amendments.

Background

The Senate Committee on Education introduced the bill at the request of Cleveland University.

[Note: The bill is identical to 2020 SB 277, as passed by the Senate.]

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*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
In the Senate Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Cleveland University and the Kansas Independent College Association. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Chiropractic Association.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts reported enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Postsecondary education; Cleveland University; healing arts