

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2619**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

Senate Sub. for HB 2619 would create the Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight within the legislative branch. The Joint Committee would be composed of 11 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The appointments outlined in the bill would include: two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (one of which would be a member of the House Committee on Appropriations); one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; one member of the House appointed by the Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations; one member of the House appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Appropriations; and one member of the House appointed by the Majority Leader of the House. Other appointments include two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate (one member would be a member of the Committee on Ways and Means); one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one member of the Senate appointed by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; one member of the Senate appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Members of the joint committee would serve two years terms starting May 31, 2012. The terms would be two-years

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coinciding with legislative terms beginning in odd numbered years. The President of the Senate would appoint the first chairperson to serve from May 31, 2012 through the beginning of the 2014 Legislative Session. The Speaker of the House of Representatives would appoint the chairperson to serve beginning the first day of the 2014 Legislative Session. Appointments for the chairperson would alternate annually thereafter between members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Any vacancy of the Chairperson would be appointed from the same chamber as the vacating member. The appointment of the Vice-chairperson would alternate between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson would not be from the same chamber. A vacancy of any member would be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment. Six members constitute a quorum of the joint committee and all actions of the joint committee would be taken by a majority of all members.

The Joint Committee would monitor and study implementation and operations of the home and community based services programs, state Medicaid programs as well as the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The bill would direct any appropriate state agency to provide data and information on KanCare programs to the Joint Committee. In addition, reports previously provided to the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services would be provided to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee would meet at least four times a year and would be authorized to introduce legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions. The provisions creating this Joint Committee would sunset on July 1, 2017.

This bill also would repeal the statutes creating the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services Oversight and the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means struck the contents of HB 2619 and inserted the contents of Senate Sub. for SB 459 as amended by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Sub. for SB 459 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Representatives of the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition and the Disability Rights Center of Kansas testified in favor of the bill at the Senate Committee hearing. The Association for Community Mental Health Centers, NAMI Kansas, Kansas Action for Children, and Kansas Health Association also submitted written testimony in favor of the bill.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means adopted amendments to SB 459 to specify the President of the Senate would appoint the first chairperson of the Committee and add the oversight of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to the duties of the Committee. The Senate Committee recommended a substitute bill incorporating these amendments.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill states the bill would increase expenditures by \$31,380 for compensation, travel expenses, and subsistence expenses for members when attending meetings.