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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2501

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2501 would create in the State Treasury the Health Occupations Credentialing Fee Fund (Fee Fund) to be administered by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services. Fees collected under provisions of the Adult Care Home Licensure Act, Dietitians Licensing Act, Operator Registration Act, and the act regulating speech-language pathologists and audiologists would be deposited into the Fee Fund instead of the State General Fund (SGF). [Note: Health Occupations Credentialing (HOC) within the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commission collects these fees for the credentialing of certified nurse aides, certified medication aides, home health aides, registered adult care home operators, licensed adult care home administrators, licensed dietitians, licensed audiologists, and licensed speech-language pathologists.]

Background

The House Committee on Health and Human Services introduced the bill at the request of KDADS. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of HOC testified in support of the bill, stating the dedicated Fee Fund would result in additional revenue that would be used for additional full-time employees to meet current and future work requirements, for modernization, and for operations. The HOC representative noted, due to legislation enacted in 2016

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(SB 449) increasing the number of criminal background checks to be completed by HOC, the number of criminal background checks HOC completed in 2017 was almost double the number completed in 2016. The HOC representative stated criminal background checks for behavioral health providers will soon be added, and current HOC staffing will not afford an adequate turn-around time for results to employers waiting to hire staff to serve Kansans waiting for services related to behavioral health. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDADS stated enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the SGF as fees associated with licensure of adult care homes would no longer be deposited into the SGF. The agency estimates the bill would reduce the amount of revenue for the SGF by \$1,230,622 for FY 2019 and increase revenue to the Fee Fund by the same amount. The agency reports it would need \$60,000 as “seed” money from the SGF to allow for cash flow in FY 2019. The SGF appropriation for HOC would be reduced by \$613,756 for FY 2019 and the account would no longer require an appropriation in the out years. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report*.