

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 55

As Amended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

SB 55, as amended, 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.

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

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. A companion bill, 2021 HB 2124, has been passed by the House.]

*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>

Senate Committee on Education

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 other testimony was provided.

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

House Committee on Education

In the House Committee hearing on HB 2124, which contains provisions identical to those of SB 55, a representative of Cleveland University provided **proponent** testimony. Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Chiropractic Association.

The House Committee amended SB 55 to take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

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

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