

SESSION OF 2015

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2376

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2376, as amended, would modify the composition of the Medical Advisory Council of the Emergency Medical Services Board (Board) and would authorize the Board to impose fines, issue subpoenas, and investigate violations as specified in the bill. The bill would modify membership criteria for the Board-appointed Medical Advisory Council, requiring all members to be physicians by eliminating the Board member position that is not required to be a physician and adding a fifth physician who is active and knowledgeable in the Emergency Medical Services field and is not a Board member. The bill also would modify the title of the Board's staff chief from Administrator to Executive Director. The Board would be required to submit an annual report to the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Human Services with information about the fines imposed and subpoenas issued as part of its activities conducted.

Background

Under current law, the Board does not have authority to impose fines, or to subpoena non-regulated entities for certain records and to compel attendance by witnesses. The Board's authority is limited by statute to conducting hearings for all regulatory matters related to emergency medical services and to modifying or revoking licenses and permits of practitioners and services regulated by the Board.

*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>

Proponents testifying to the House Committee on Health and Human Services were the Executive Director of the Board and a member of the Board. Written only proponent testimony was received from the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to require the Board to submit an annual report to the Senate Health and Public Welfare and the House Health and Human Services Committees. The original bill required the report be submitted to the House and Senate Federal and State Affairs Committees.

In the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, the Board indicates additional revenues would be generated by the fines established in the bill; however, an estimate on how much the additional revenue the fines would generate could not be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.