

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 399

As Amended by Senate Committee on Financial
Institutions and Insurance

Brief*

SB 399, as amended, would amend the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act (Act) by adding maternity center, as defined in KSA 65-503, to the definition of a health care provider in the Act.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance at the request of Senator Holscher.

***Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and
Insurance***

In the Senate Committee hearing, the Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of New Birth Company provided **proponent** testimony, stating inclusion of a maternity center as a defined health care provider under the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act would allow a qualified Kansas Department of Health and Environment-licensed maternity center licensee to access the Kansas Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Plan and the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund as a malpractice line of last resort. The proponent noted lack of access to affordable malpractice insurance is a barrier to providing high value and affordable health care services for Kansas families and taxpayers.

*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>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of HUB International and the General Manager of New Birth Company.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee made a technical amendment to correct the name of the Act in the bill title.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the budget on the bill, the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment state enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the operations of either agency.

Insurance; Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act; healthcare provider; maternity centers