

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 1:00 p.m. on April 26, 2001 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rick Kellerman, M.D., Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine,  
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
Patty Dengler, legal counsel for Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education  
Dr. Karen Bruce, Program Director, Family Medicine Residency Program, Topeka  
Terry Humphrey, KTL  
Marlin Rein, KUMC

Others attending: See attached list.

**Hearing on SB 366 - Health care provider insurance availability act; certain health care providers**

Rick Kellerman, M.D., Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita, provided the Committee with background information on WCGME and expressed his support for **SB 366**. Dr. Kellerman noted that WCGME seeks legislative changes to the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act to clarify that it is a health care provider in order to be provided professional liability coverage through the Health Care Stabilization Fund as outlined in his written testimony. (Attachment 1)

Patty Dengler, legal counsel for Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education, outlined for the Committee the proposed changes they are requesting to the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act which would define WCGME as a "health care provider" along with other proposed amendments. The proposed legislation would also include the Salina Health Education Foundation, which administers the Smoky Hill Family Practice residency programs sponsored by the University, and the Kansas Medical Education Foundation which administers a family practice residency program in Topeka sponsored by Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center. These entities would then be able to access professional liability coverage through the Health Care Stabilization Fund. (Attachment 2)

A balloon of the bill showing the proposed amendments were discussed and distributed to the Committee. (Attachment 3)

Dr. Karen Bruce, Program Director, Family Medicine Residency Program, Topeka, expressed her support for the bill as well as a representative from the Salina Health Education Foundation.

Terry Humphrey, KTL, told the Committee they are neutral on the bill, and they have not reviewed all of the proposed amendments as presented to the Committee.

Marlin Rein, KUMC, raised questions regarding how the three entities would contribute to the \$40,000 reserve fund. Patty Dengler reviewed for the Committee the proposed amendments in the balloon of the bill showing equal apportionment among the three entities during Committee discussion.

Senator Feleciano made a motion to adopt the balloon amendments to the bill, seconded by Senator Barnett. The motion carried. Senator Feleciano made a motion that the Committee recommend SB 366 as amended favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Barnett. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.