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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jordan

Committee staff present: Mr. Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Renee Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Rebecca Zapick, Intern for Senator Barnett
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Mike Moser, Director of Health, Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Others attending: See attached guest list.

After Chairperson Susan Wagle announced that the day was Physical Therapy Day, the Chair and the Committee members acknowledged and welcomed the presence of the physical therapists attending the Public Health & Welfare meeting.

Overview of Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Chairperson Wagle then introduced Dr. Mike Moser, Director, Director of Health. Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Dr. Moser presented an overview on the Division of Health and the programs it administers for the people of Kansas. A written copy of the overview is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Following Dr. Moser's presentation, Chairman Wagle requested comments or questions from the Ccommittee. Questions were asked by Senators, Salmans, Haley, and Praeger. The questions ranged from what recommendations are being done to decrease amounts of paper work, stringency of state investment as opposed to federal, flu vaccine availability, to government budget recommendations.

Chairperson Wagle announced that the committee was scheduled to attend a tour of KDHE on Thursday, January 18.

Introduction of Bills

The next order of business was bill presentation. The Chairperson recognized Dr. Moser.

Dr. Moser asked the Ccommittee's allowance to introduce a few key legislative proposals which have been identified as important to enable the division of Health to continue it work in service of the people of Kansas. A copy of the five proposals and his summary are (Attachments #2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and7) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. The subject matters dealt with:

1. HIV Named - Reporting Sunset Repealer - an act relating to public health; concerning the reporting of AIDS and HIV; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-6002 and 65-6011 and repealing the existing sections. (Attachment #3)
2. Confidentiality of Child Care Information - an act concerning children in need of care; technical amendment; amending K.S.A. 38-1507 and repealing the existing section. (Attachment #4)

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3. Increase in Ceiling on License Fees for Food Service Establishments - the initial application and annual renewal fees for the licenses required of restaurants and other food services establishments in Kansas are limited by K.S.A. 36-503 to \$100.00. Since these fees are the sole support for the statewide food service establishment safety and inspection program, KDHE will request amendment of K.S.A. 36-503 to increase the limit on these fees to \$200.00 (Attachment #5)
4. Technical amendment to K.S.A. 38-1507(c)(12) - the Review of Statutes has recommended to the Department that an incorrect citation in this statute be corrected. Specifically, K.S.A. 59-512 is cited when the correct citation is K.S.A. 65-512. (Attachment #6)
5. Improvements to the Criminal Background Check Program - KDHE staff has worked with representatives of the regulated community to identify program changes to address the concerns reflected in **HB2700** and now wishes to request legislation to authorize (Attachment #7)
 - A. Expansion of the information reported by KDHE to prospective employers;
 - B. Add procedures to collect conviction data from contiguous states;
 - C. Adding a registry of non-certified employees similar to the Kansas Nurse Aide Registry.
 - D. Require a report of background check status to requesters within 10 business days of receipt of KBI information.

The proposed bills (amendments) were placed before the Ccommittee. Senator Praeger made the motion to hear the proposed bills, Senator Salmans seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Request was made for further bills or business, and with none coming forth, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2001.