

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on January 17, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nabuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Howard Rodenberg MD, MPH, Director, Division of Health, KDHE

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked for any introduction of bills. Senator Schmidt presented the Committee with five bill introductions.

1. 7rs0450 adds a predisposition for asthma into the health assessment done with regard to school physicals.
2. 7rs0476 is an act concerning health insurance, would increase the age of dependent coverage to age 26 regardless of if the independent were enrolled in school. A military component is included that if a individual is in active duty between the ages of 18 and 26, would allow them to bank that time, so when they came out of active duty they would be eligible as dependent coverage for that amount of time.

The next three bills are conceptual
at the request of KDHE:

3. Sharing KBI background check results with child placement agencies.
4. SRS adoptive placement agreement (squaring up statutes involved)
5. Enhancement to the Cancer Registry

The drafts of these bills were not available at the time of the meeting.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to adopt the introduced bills. It was seconded by Senator Brungardt and the motion carried.

Presentation on Expanded Newborn Screening in Kansas

Chairman Barnett then called upon Dr. Howard Rodenberg MD MPH, Director, Division of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment who presented information to the Committee on Expanded Newborn Screening. Highlights of his presentation included:

Slides on:

1. What is NBS
2. NBS in Kansas: Current
3. Expanded NBS (XNBS)
4. Legislative History
5. XNBS Working Group
6. Working Group Findings
7. Working Group Model
8. Plans for Implementation

Report of the KDHE Newborn Screening Advisory Group
Data Charts on other States in comparison NBS

A copy of the presentation is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Questions came from Senators Barnett, Palmer, V. Schmidt, Journey, Wagle regarding list of clinical conditions, funding revenues, consent by parent, conditions leading to disability, follow-up services, mandates, medicaid reimbursement, midwife situations, retrieving patient information, costs, and total new dollar request.

The Chair asked if the Committee would like to have an input to the Committee of Senate Ways and Means to support the bill concerning Expanded Newborn Screening.

The motion was made by Senator Brungardt to authorize the Chairman to express the Committee's approval on the Expanded Newborn Screening legislation by KDHE. It was seconded by Senator Journey and the motion carried.

Chairman Barnett announced that the final item on the agenda was for the Minutes to be approved for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on January 16, 2007.

The Chair noted to delete 'as amended' on the first underlined action.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to approve the Minutes with the changes announced. It was seconded by Senator Gilstrap and the motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007.