

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2983**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2983 would create the Physician Workforce and Accreditation Taskforce. The Taskforce would be composed of 12 members as follows:

- 2 members of the medical faculty or administrators of the KU Medical Center; appointed by the dean of the school of medicine, one from the Kansas City Campus, and one from the Wichita Campus;
- 2 members appointed by the Governor, practicing medicine in Kansas;
- 1 member appointed by the Board of Regents;
- 1 member representing Via Christi appointed by Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME);
- 1 member representing Wesley Medical Center, appointed by WCGME;
- 1 member appointed by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA);
- 1 legislator appointed by the Senate President;
- 1 legislator appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 1 legislator appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

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\*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>

- 1 legislator appointed by the House Minority Leader.

The Chairman of the Taskforce would be designated by the House Speaker from the membership, and the Vice-Chairman would be designated by the Senate President from the membership. The Taskforce would meet on call of the chairman, or on the request of seven members, subject to the approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council. Seven members would be a quorum.

The Taskforce is charged with the study and adoption of recommendations regarding the physician workforce and accreditation issues at the WCGME. The Taskforce would be staffed by the Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, and Legislative Administrative Services. The Taskforce is required to report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means prior to the beginning of the 2009 regular session.

The bill take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

## **Background**

The House Committee on Appropriations amended the bill to require that one of the members appointed by the University of Kansas Medical Center come from the Kansas City Campus and the other from the Wichita Campus.

Representatives of the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas Academy of Family Physicians presented testimony in support of the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Medical Society, Health Care of America, and the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education spoke provided neutral testimony in regards to the bill. There were no opponents.