Approved: Opril 21, 1994
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson August Bogina at 11:00 a.m. on March 31, 1994 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department

Scott Rothe, Legislative Research Department

Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2698 -- TRANSFER OF CERTAIN MONEYS TO CITY OF OXFORD

Senator Rock reviewed the supplemental note on <u>HB 2698</u>. He noted that a ruling by the Attorney General stated that the original bill did not give proper notice, and <u>HB 2698</u> as amended the House Committee was written to comply with the Attorney General's opinion.

Senator Rock told members that a small community named Lane in Franklin County had lost records of the establishment of the Fire Department, and could not participate in the distribution of firefighters' relief funds. He stated that there is current legislation that provides an exception to the qualifications for participation for some counties and submitted a proposed amendment (<u>Attachment 1</u>) which would include Franklin County.

Senator Petty moved, Senator Karr seconded, that HB 2698 be amended by the balloon contained in Attachment 1. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Senator Rock and seconded by Senator Karr that HB 2698 as amended be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

HR 2574 -- DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT

The Chairman distributed copies of Attachment 2, a balloon containing amendments to HB 2574 as suggested by Judge Pierron. In answer to a question, Judge Pierron stated that the proposed amendments would allow the director of the office of dispute resolution to cooperate with the court systems in the establishment of alternative dispute resolution offices in the districts to avoid duplication of services. Senator Salisbury moved, Senator Lawrence seconded that HB 2574 be amended by the balloon (Attachment 2). The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman mentioned concerns about using docket fees as a funding source for the program. Staff noted that the Judiciary Technology Fund had been created by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of purchasing fax machines and other equipment within the Judicial Branch. The fax machines were purchased in FY 94 and the 1993 Legislature approved a multi year purchase of computer equipment for the Judicial Center which will be complete in FY 96. The Chairman suggested adjusting the docket fee to reduce receipts to the Judiciary Technology Fund and credit those receipts to the Dispute Resolution Fund. Senator Brady moved, Senator Salisbury seconded, that HB 2574 be amended on page 10, line 11 (Attachment 2-10) by changing 5.66% to 5.01% and by crediting .65% of the receipts to the Dispute Resolution Fund and by striking the bracketed words "during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995" and "and after June 30, 1995, a sum equal to 1.30% of the remittances of docket fees". The motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was offered by Senator Morris and seconded by Senator Salisbury to recommended HB 2574 as

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m. on March 31, 1994.

amended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

SB 13 -- MEDICAL LABORATORY AND PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Senator Lawrence told members that <u>SB 13</u> was introduced during the 1993 legislative session as a scholarship program. This year, the bill was assigned to a subcommittee who recommended changing the scholarship program to a loan guarantee program. Under this program, 60 loans will be made available; 42 of which will go to those who practice in rural areas (any county other than Johnson, Wyandotte, Douglas, Shawnee or Sedgwick); the balance would be made available to practitioners who would go into underserved areas which could be either rural or urban. She stated that the subcommittee deleted the advisory committee and the physicians' assistants from the original bill. Suggested amendments made by the subcommittee outlining these changes were submitted in a balloon (<u>Attachment 3</u>).

In answer to Senator Petty, the revisor stated that the use of "underserved" as a preference would need to be developed under rules and regulations by the State Board of Regents.

In answer to questions regarding the grant, the revisor noted that the proposed language on page 3 of Attachment 3 provides a reimbursement mechanism for a student who secures a loan. The loan would be repaid by the state after the practitioner complies with the agreement, and the reimbursement cannot exceed \$3500 annually. It was stated that medical laboratory students could be reimbursed for two years of the loan if they served two years, and that a student currently enrolled could apply next year for repayment of the second year of a loan.

Senator Lawrence noted that a technical amendment should be made to the proposed language in line 37, page 2 of the bill by deleting the word "rural" and inserting the word "underserved." The revisor indicated that this adjustment would allow the balance of 18 practitioners (opposed to those 42 who would serve in rural areas) to serve in underserved areas. Senator Lawrence moved, Senator Rock seconded, that the SB 13 be amended by the technical amendment in the balloon and by the balloon as a whole (Attachment 3). The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Senator Lawrence and seconded by Senator Morris that a substitute bill for SB 13 be introduced. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Moran moved, Senator Lawrence seconded, that Sn. Sub. for SB 13 be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Karr offered a motion to approve the minutes of March 25 and 28. The motion was seconded by Senator Moran and passed on a voice vote.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 1994.

GUEST LIST

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STATE OF KANSAS

SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend House Bill No. 2698, As Amended by House Committee, on page 1, in line 30, before "Section" by inserting "New";

On page 2, following line 43, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 80-1919 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1919. (a) The provisions of this act shall apply only to townships which are located in Barton, Crawford, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Labette, Leavenworth, Lyon, Montgomery, Neosho, Reno, Riley, Saline and Sumner counties, but, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b), the provisions of this act shall not apply to any such township unless and until a petition is presented to the township board, signed by not less than 51% of the qualified electors of the township as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last preceding election. As used in this act, the phrase "township board" means the township trustee, township clerk, and the township treasurer acting as a board.

(b) The township board of any township located in any such county which has been levying a tax for the support of a township fire department for a period of not less than 15 years is hereby authorized to adopt a resolution designating such fire department as the regularly organized fire department of the township without the presentation of a petition. Such fire department shall be operated under the control of the township board in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 80-1921, and amendments thereto, and the township board is hereby authorized to provide for the organization, operation, equipping and maintenance of such department pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1920 and 80-1921, and amendments

SWAM March 31, 1994 Attachment 1 thereto, and to levy taxes for such purposes as therein authorized.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 80-1919 is hereby repealed.";

On page 3, in line 1, by striking "Sec. 2." and inserting "Sec. 4.";

In the title, by striking all in lines 9 and 10 and inserting: "AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to the powers and duties thereof; amending K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 80-1919 and repealing the existing section."

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HOUSE BILL No. 2574

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning dispute resolution; establishing the office of dispute resolution; providing for the establishment and administration of dispute resolution centers; prescribing certain requirements and providing for certain grants; prescribing confidentiality and immunity under certain circumstances; creating the dispute resolution fund; amending K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 20-362, 20-367, 60-2001, 61-2501 and 61-2704 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 16, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the dispute resolution act.

(b) The dispute resolution act shall apply only to approved centers, including the governing board members and the mediators and other personnel of approved centers, whether or not such persons are compensated, and to the parties to disputes accepted for dispute resolution at approved centers.

Sec. 2. As used in the dispute resolution act:

(a) "Approved center" means a center that has applied for and received approval from the director under section 7, and amendments thereto;

(b) "center" means a not for profit organization under section 501(e)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 or a court-established any entity or program which makes dispute resolution procedures available, other than a dispute resolution program operated within the judicial branch;

(c) "council" means the advisory council on dispute resolution;

(d) "director" means the director of the office of dispute resolution:

(e) "dispute resolution process" means a process by which the parties involved in a dispute voluntarily agree or are referred by a court to enter into informal discussion and negotiation with the assistance of a mediator;

(f) "mediation" means the intervention into a dispute by a third

[Material within brackets would be deleted]

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An entity or program which merely coordinates or cooperates with the judicial branch shall not be considered to be operated by the judicial branch.

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party who has no decision making authority and is impartial to the issues being discussed; and

- (g) "mediator" means a person trained in the process of mediation who assists parties in dispute to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of their conflict.
- Sec. 3. The office of dispute resolution is hereby established in the office of the judicial administrator. The director of the office shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall be appointed by the ehief justice of the supreme eourt judicial administrator. The director may be but is not required to be an attorney and shall be selected for appointment on the basis of the individual's training and experience in mediation. The director shall administer the dispute resolution act and shall provide administrative and clerical assistance to the council. If the person appointed as director is an attorney, such person shall devote full time to the duties of the office of director and shall not engage in the private practice of law during the period such person serves as director.

Sec. 4. (a) The advisory council on dispute resolution is hereby created. The council shall be comprised of individuals from a variety of disciplines who are trained and knowledgeable in mediation and shall be selected to be representative of the geographical and cultural diversity of the state and to reflect balanced gender representation. The council shall consist of 11 voting members appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court. The voting members shall include a representative from the Kansas district judges association, the Kansas district magistrate judges association and the Kansas bar association not more than one district judge, not more than one district magistrate judge, and not more than one other person who is licensed to practice law in Kansas. The council shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court in accordance with this section. The chief justice shall solicit nominations from the Kansas district judges association, Kansas district magistrate judges association, Kansas bar association, Kansas committee for community mediation, Kansas ehildren's service league, heartland mediators association, Kansas legal services, inc., Kansas judges, mediation organizations, legal and mental health professional organizations, social and legal services agencies, domestic violence advocacy groups, state and local government agencies, business organizations, consumer organizations, court service officers, social workers, mental health professionals, educators and other interested groups or individuals. The chief justice is not restricted to the solicited lists of nominees in making such appointments. Two nonvoting, ex-officio members of the council shall be appointed by the The

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council from among representatives of the approved centers.

- (b) The initial members of the council shall be appointed for terms of one, two or three years so that the terms of not more than four voting members shall expire during the same calendar year. All successor appointments shall be made for terms of three years. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made and for the duration of the term vacated. Appointments to the council shall be made within 90 days after July 1, 1994.
- (c) The council annually shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chair-person and such other officers as deemed necessary by the council. Sec. 5. (a) The council shall:
- (1) Advise the director on the administration of the dispute resolution act and on policy development therefor;
- (2) assist the director in providing technical assistance to centers and other entities requesting the study and development of dispute resolution programs;
- (3) consult with appropriate and necessary state agencies and offices to promote a cooperative and comprehensive implementation of this act;
- (4) advise the director with respect to the awarding of grants to approved centers or any other financial assistance program which is administered under this act;
- (5) advise the director with respect to applications submitted by centers and other entities for approval under section 7, and amendments thereto, as approved centers;
- (6) assist the director with the review, supervision and evaluation of dispute resolution programs of approved centers; and
- (7) make recommendations to the director pertaining to legislation affecting dispute resolution.
- (b) The council shall meet at least four times per year and at other times deemed necessary to perform its functions. Members of the council attending meetings of the council or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the council shall receive amounts provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto.
- (c) The council may appoint subcommittees of the council to carry out its work. Subcommittee members shall have knowledge of, responsibility for, or interest in an area related to the duties of the council assigned to the subcommittee.
- Sec. 6. (a) Consistent with provisions of the dispute resolution act and the rules of the supreme court adopted pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto the dispute resolution act, and in

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consultation with the council, the director shall:

(1) Make information on the formation of centers available throughout the state and encourage the formation of centers;

(2) approve centers which meet requirements and guidelines for approval which are prescribed by this act or by rules of the supreme court adopted pursuant to seetion 16 and amendments thereto the dispute resolution act;

(3) develop and administer a uniform system of reporting and collecting statistical data from approved centers;

(4) develop and administer a uniform system of evaluating approved centers for compliance with the requirements of the dispute resolution act and the rules of the supreme court adopted pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto the dispute resolution act;

(5) prepare an annual budget for the implementation and administration of the dispute resolution act and disburse funds to approved centers;

(6) develop guidelines for a sliding scale of fees that may be charged by approved centers;

(7) develop and approve curricula and initiate training sessions for mediators and staff of approved centers and of courts, including continuing education programs;

(8) establish and approve volunteer training and continuing education programs;

(9) promote public awareness of the dispute resolution process;

(10) apply for and receive funds from public and private sources for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the dispute resolution act.

(b) The director shall report annually to the supreme court, the governor and the legislature on the implementation of the dispute resolution act. The report shall include the number and types of disputes received, the disposition of the disputes, any problems encountered, any recommendations to address problems and a comparison of the cost of mediation and litigation.

Sec. 7. (a) A center or an entity proposing to establish a center may apply to the director for approval to participate in the dispute resolution process under the dispute resolution act by submitting an application which includes:

(1) A plan for the operation of the center;

(2) the center's objectives;

(3) the areas of population to be served;

(4) the administrative organization of the center;

(5) recordkeeping procedures;

; and

(11) provide technical assistance to centers and other entities, including courts, requesting the study and development of dispute resolution programs.

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- (6) the procedures for client intake and for scheduling, conducting and terminating dispute resolution sessions;
 - (7) qualifications for mediators for the center;
 - (8) an annual budget for the center; and
 - (9) proof of not for profit status under section 501 (e)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 or proof of establishment by a court; and
 - (10) such additional criteria for approval or for grants which are prescribed by the director in accordance with the dispute resolution act or by rules of the supreme court pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto adopted pursuant to the dispute resolution act.
 - (b) The director shall approve or disapprove each application submitted for approval under this section by the end of the second meeting of the advisory council occurring after the date the application was submitted.
 - (c) Each approved center shall submit an annual report to the director. The reports shall include the number and types of cases handled in the year and a showing of continued compliance with the dispute resolution act.
 - (d) Any entities providing mediation programs and existing on July 1, 1994, shall not be included as approved centers under the dispute resolution act unless such entities apply and are approved under this section.
 - Sec. 8. An approved center may use sources of funds, both public and private, in addition to funds appropriated by the legislature. An approved center may require each party to pay a fee to help defray costs based upon ability to pay. A person shall not be denied mediation services solely because of an inability to pay the applicable fee.
 - Sec. 9. (a) The following types of cases may be accepted for dispute resolution at an approved center:
 - (1) Civil claims and disputes, including, but not limited to, consumer and commercial complaints, disputes involving allegations of shoplifting, disputes between neighbors, disputes between business associates, disputes between landlords and tenants, disputes involving matters under the small claims procedure act, and disputes within communities;
 - (2) disputes concerning child custody and visitation rights and other areas of domestic relations;
 - (3) juvenile offenses and disputes involving juveniles;
 - (4) disputes between victims and offenders, in which the victims voluntarily agree to participate in mediation;

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- (5) disputes involving allegations of unlawful discrimination under state or federal laws;
- (6) disputes referred by county attorneys or district attorneys;
- (7) disputes involving employer and employee relations under K.S.A. 72-5413 through 72-5432, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 75-4321 through 75-4337, and amendments thereto; and
- (8) disputes referred by a court, an attorney, a law enforcement officer, a social service agency, a school or any other interested person or agency, including the request of the parties involved.
- (b) An approved center may accept eases referred by a court, an attorney, a law enforcement officer, a social service agency, a school or any other interested person or agency or may accept eases upon the request of the parties involved. A case may be referred prior to the commencement of formal judicial proceedings or may be referred as a pending court case. If a court refers a case to an approved center, the center shall provide information to the court as to whether an agreement was reached and, if the court requests a copy of the agreement, the center shall provide such copy.
- (c) Before the dispute resolution process begins, an approved center shall provide the parties with a written statement setting forth the procedures to be followed.
- Sec. 10. (a) Mediators of approved centers shall have completed at least 30 hours of training approved by the director in After reviewing the recommendations of the advisory council on dispute resolution, the supreme court shall adopt rules which establish standards for training and qualifications for mediators of approved centers and which prescribe procedures for approval by the director of training for mediators in accordance with such standards. Training for mediators shall include the study of conflict resolution techniques, neutrality, agreement writing and ethics. For disputes involving marital dissolution, mediators of approved eenters shall have an additional 30 hours in family mediation training approved by the director. An initial apprenticeship with an experienced mediator of at least three sessions shall be required for all mediators without prior mediation experience All mediators of approved centers shall satisfy the standards for training and qualifications established by rules of the supreme court.
- (b) Mediators of approved centers shall comply with the ethics requirements and standards and the annual continuing education requirements which are prescribed by the director in accordance



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with the dispute resolution act or by rules of the supreme court adopted pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto the dispute resolution act.

- (c) An approved center may provide dispute resolution by utilizing mediators who are compensated by the approved center, by utilizing the services of volunteer mediators, or by utilizing both compensated and volunteer mediators.
- Sec. 11. (a) Each mediator of an approved center shall assist the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute through discussion and negotiation. The mediator shall be impartial, neutral and unbiased and shall make no decisions for the parties. The mediator shall act in accordance with the ethics requirements and standards prescribed by rules adopted by the supreme court pursuant to section 16 and amendments thereto the dispute resolution act.
- (b) The mediator shall officially terminate the process if the parties are unable to agree. The termination shall be without prejudice to either party in any other proceeding.
- (c) The mediator has no authority to make or impose any adjudicatory sanction or penalty upon the parties.
- (d) The mediator shall be aware of and recommend outside resources to the parties whenever appropriate. The mediator shall advise participants to obtain legal review of agreements as necessary.
- Sec. 12. (a) All verbal or written information relating to the subject matter of an agreement and transmitted between any party to a dispute and a mediator or the staff of an approved center shall be confidential communications. Mediation proceedings shall be regarded as settlement negotiations, and no admission, representation or statement made in mediation, which is not otherwise discoverable or obtainable, shall be admissible as evidence or subject to discovery. A mediator shall not be subject to process requiring the disclosure of any matter discussed during mediation proceedings unless all the parties consent to a waiver.
- (b) The confidentiality requirements of this section shall not apply to:
- (1) Information that is reasonably necessary to establish a defense for the mediator or center in the case of an action against the mediator or the center that is filed by a party to the mediation;
- (2) any information that the mediator is required to report under K.S.A. 38-1522, and amendments thereto;
- (3) any information that is reasonably necessary to stop the commission of an ongoing crime or fraud or to prevent the commission of a crime or fraud in the future for which there was an expressed

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intent to commit such crime or fraud; or

any information that the mediator is required to report or communicate under the specific provisions of any statute or in order to comply with orders of a court.

Sec. 13. No mediator, staff member, or member of a governing board of an approved center may be held liable for civil damages for any statement or decision made in the process of dispute resolution unless such person acts, or fails to act, in a manner constituting gross negligence with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting willful disregard of the rights, safety or property of any party to the process of dispute resolution.

Sec. 14. If the parties involved in the dispute reach an agreement, the agreement may be reduced to writing and signed by the parties. The agreement shall set forth the settlement of the issues and the future responsibilities of each party. If a court referred the case, the agreement as signed and approved by the parties may be presented to the court as a stipulation and, if approved by the court, such agreement shall be enforceable as an order of the court.

Sec. 15. During the period of the dispute resolution process, any applicable statute of limitations shall be tolled as to the parties. The tolling shall commence on the date that the parties jointly agree in writing to participate in mediation under the dispute resolution act and shall end on the date mediation is officially terminated by the mediator. This period shall be no longer than 60 days without consent of all the parties.

Sec. 16. The supreme court, upon recommendation by the director in consultation with the council, shall adopt rules for the administration of the dispute resolution act and to prescribe ethics requirements and standards for mediators of approved centers.

New Sec. 17. There is hereby created the dispute resolution fund in the state treasury which shall be administered by the judicial administrator. All expenditures from the dispute resolution fund shall be for the operating expenses of the office of dispute resolution in the office of the judicial administrator, the advisory council on dispute resolution, or other activities or grants authorized or provided for under the dispute resolution act. All expenditures from the dispute resolution fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the judicial administrator or by the judicial administrator's designee.

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 20-362 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-362. The clerk of the district court shall remit at least monthly all revenues received from docket fees as follows:

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- (a) To the county treasurer, for deposit in the county treasury and credit to the county general fund:
- (1) A sum equal to \$10 for each docket fee paid pursuant to K.S.A. 60-2001 and 60-3005, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month:
- (2) a sum equal to \$10 for each \$36.50 \$37 or \$61.50 \$62 docket fee paid [during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and for each \$37.50 or \$62.50 docket fee paid after June 30, 1995,] pursuant to K.S.A. 61-2501, 61-2704 or 61-2709, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) a sum equal to \$5 for each \$16.50 \$17 docket fee paid [during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and for each \$17.50 docket fee paid after June 30, 1995,] pursuant to K.S.A. 61-2501 or 61-2704, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month.
- (b) To the board of trustees of the county law library fund, for deposit in the fund, a sum equal to the library fees paid during the preceding calendar month for cases filed in the county.
- (c) To the county treasurer, for deposit in the county treasury and credit to the prosecuting attorneys' training fund, a sum equal to \$1 for each docket fee paid pursuant to K.S.A. 28-172a, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month for cases filed in the county and for each fee paid pursuant to subsection (c) of K.S.A. 28-170, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month for cases filed in the county.
- (d) To the state treasurer, for deposit in the state treasury and credit to the indigents' defense services fund, a sum equal to \$.50 for each docket fee paid pursuant to K.S.A. 28-172a and subsection (d) of K.S.A. 28-170, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month.
- (e) To the state treasurer, for deposit in the state treasury and credit to the law enforcement training center fund, a sum equal to \$5 for each docket fee paid pursuant to K.S.A. 28-172a, and amendments thereto, during the preceding calendar month.
- (f) To the state treasurer, for deposit in the state treasury and distribution according to K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 20-367, and amendments thereto, a sum equal to the balance which remains from all docket fees paid during the preceding calendar month after deduction of the amounts specified in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).
- Sec. 19. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 20-367 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-367. (a) Of the remittance of the balance of docket fees received monthly by the state treasurer from clerks of the district court pursuant to subsection (f) of K.S.A. 20-362, and

amendments thereto, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit:

- (1) To the juvenile detention facilities fund, a sum equal to 5.12% of the remittances of docket fees;
- (2) to the judicial branch education fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and eredit a sum equal to 3.93% of the remittances of docket fees;
- (3) to the emergency medical services operating fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and eredit a sum equal to 2.95% of the remittances of docket fees; and
- (4) to the judiciary technology fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and eredit a sum equal to 5.66% of the remittances of docket fees; and

(5) to the dispute resolution fund, a sum equal to .65% of the remittances of docket fees

(b) The balance remaining of the remittances of docket fees shall be deposited and credited to the state general fund.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 60-2001 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-2001. (a) Docket fee. Except as otherwise provided by law, no case shall be filed or docketed in the district court, whether original or appealed, without payment of a docket fee [to the clerk of the district court] in the amount of \$61.50 \$62 to the elerk of the district court [for each case filed or docketed during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and in the amount of \$62.50 for each case filed or docketed after June 30, 1995].

- (b) Poverty affidavit in lieu of docket fee. (1) Effect. In any case where a plaintiff by reason of poverty is unable to pay a docket fee, and an affidavit so stating is filed, no fee will be required.
- (2) Form of affidavit. The affidavit provided for in this subsection shall be in the following form and attached to the petition:

 State of Kansas, ______ County.

In the district court of the county: I do solemnly swear that the claim set forth in the petition herein is just, and I do further swear that, by reason of my poverty, I am unable to pay a docket fee.

- (c) Disposition of docket fee. The docket fee shall be the only costs assessed in each case for services of the clerk of the district court and the sheriff. The docket fee shall be disbursed in accordance with K.S.A. 20-362, and amendments thereto.
- (d) Additional court costs. Other fees and expenses to be assessed as additional court costs shall be approved by the court, unless specifically fixed by statute. Other fees shall include, but not be limited to, witness fees, appraisers' fees, fees for service of process outside the state, fees for depositions, alternative dispute

, during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995

, and after June 30, 1995, a sum equal to 1.30% of the remittances of docket fees.

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resolution fees, transcripts and publication, attorneys' fees, court costs from other courts and any other fees and expenses required by statute. All additional court costs shall be taxed and billed against the parties as directed by the court. No sheriff in this state shall charge any district court in this state a fee or mileage for serving any paper or process.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 61-2501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-2501. (a) Docket fee. No case shall be filed or docketed pursuant to this chapter without the payment of a docket fee in the amount of \$16.50 [(1)] \$17 [for each such case filed or docketed during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and \$17.50 for each such case filed or docketed after June 30, 1995], if the amount in controversy or claimed does not exceed \$500, or \$36.50 [(2)] \$37 [for each such case filed or docketed during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and \$37.50 for each such case filed or docketed after June 30, 1995], if the amount in controversy or claimed exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$5,000, or \$61.50 [(3)] \$62 [for each such case filed or docketed during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and \$62.50 for each such case filed or docketed after June 30, 1995], if the amount in controversy or claimed exceeds \$5,000. If judgment is rendered for the plaintiff, the court also may enter judgment for the plaintiff for the amount of the docket fee paid by the plaintiff.

(b) Poverty affidavit; additional court costs. The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 60-2001[,] and amendments thereto shall be applicable to actions pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 22. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 61-2704 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-2704. (a) An action seeking the recovery of a small claim shall be considered to have been commenced at the time a person files a written statement of the person's small claim with the clerk of the court if, within 90 days after the small claim is filed, service of process is obtained or the first publication is made for service by publication. Otherwise, the action is deemed commenced at the time of service of process or first publication. An entry of appearance shall have the same effect as service.

(b) Upon the filing of a plaintiff's small claim, the clerk of the court shall require from the plaintiff a docket fee of \$16.50 [(1)] \$17 [for each filing of a small claim during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and \$17.50 for each filing of a small claim after June 30, 1995], if the claim does not exceed \$500, or \$36.50 [(2)] \$37 [for each filing of a small claim during the period from July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, and \$37.50 for each filing of a small claim after June 30, 1995], if the claim exceeds

\$500, unless for good cause shown the judge waives the fee. The docket fee shall be the only costs required in an action seeking recovery of a small claim. No person may file more than 10 small claims under this act in the same court during any calendar year. Sec. 23. K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 20-362, 20-367, 60-2001, 61-2501 and 61-2704 are hereby repealed.

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SENATE BILL No. 13

By Joint Committee on Health Care Decisions for the 1990's

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AN ACT establishing the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarshing program; authorizing the awarding of scholarships and establishing eligibility, terms, conditions and requirements therefor; providing for administration of the act; establishing the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program hund establishing a scholarship review committee and providing the duties and functions thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) ['Committee' means the scholarship review committee established under section 9 and amendments thereto]

(b) "Executive officer" means the executive officer of the state board of regents appointed under K.S.A. 74-3203 and amendments thereto.

(c) [Family exigency" means an unforescen occurrence or condition which has caused a change in the circumstances of the immediate family of a scholarship recipient and which change in circumstances places an undue burden upon the scholarship recipient in fulfilling the terms of an agreement with an original sponsor.

(d) "Immediate family" means the parents, brothers and sisters, spouse and children of the scholarship recipient.

(e) "Rural area" means any county in this state which has a population of not more than 20,000 people at the time of application. (d)

offered by a school within the state of Kansas which is accredited by the committee on allied health education and accreditation of the American medical association to provide medical technologist or medical laboratory technician education and grant a certificate, associate degree or baccalaureate degree with a major emphasis of study in medical technology or clinical laboratory science.

(g) "Physicians' assistants educational program" means a course of education and training offered by a school within the state of

[Material within brackets would be deleted]

Subcommittee Recommendations

Recommends a Substitute Bill to read as follows:

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"Eligible student loan program" means any federal student loan program provided for under title IV of the higher education act of 1965, as amended.

other than Johnson, Wyandotte, Douglas, Shawnee or Sedgwick

- (g) "Practice incentive grants" means reimbursement payments made under this act by this state to a medical laboratory practitioner for repayments made by the practitioner of amounts due on a student loan.
- (h) "Medical laboratory practitioner" means a person engaged in the practice of medical technology or medical laboratory technology.
- (i) "Student loan" means a loan of money obtained under an eligible student loan program by a medical laboratory student for the purpose of enrollment and attendance in a medical laboratory educational program.



Kansas which is approved by the state board of healing arts for the education and training of physicians' assistants.

(h) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

(i) "Sponsor" means any medical care facility licensed under K.S.A. 65-425 et seq. and amendments thereto, any physician's office laboratory or medical laboratory, any physician, any consortium or association of health care providers and any state agency which employs medical technologists, medical laboratory technicians or physicians' assistants.

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Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established the medical laboratory [and physicians' assistants student scholarship] program. A scholarship may be awarded under this program to any qualified studentenrolled in for admitted to a medical laboratory educational program leading to graduation as a medical technologist or medical laboratory technician for to any qualified student enrolled in a physicians' assistants educational program leading to graduation as a physician's assistan. The number of scholarships awarded under this scholarship program in any year shall not exceed [100. Of this number, 80 scholarships shall be awarded to medical laboratory students as follows: 40 scholarships shall be awarded to medical laboratory students whose sponsors are located in rural areas and who are enrolled in a medical laboratory educational program; and the remaining 40 scholarships shall be awarded to any medical laboratory students who have a sponsor and are enrolled in or admitted to a medical laboratory educational program. Of the total number of scholarships, 20 scholarships shall be awarded as follows: 10 scholarships shall be awarded to physician assistant students whose sponsors are located in rural areas and who are enrolled in a physicians' assistants educational program; and the remaining 10 scholarships shall be awarded to any physician assistant students who have a sponsor and are enrolled in or admitted to a physicians' assistants educational program.

(b) The determination of the individuals qualified for such scholarships shall be made by the executive officer after seeking advice from the committee. Within each scholarship category prescribed by this subsection, scholarships shall be awarded on a priority basis to qualified applicants who have the greatest financial need for such scholarships. To the extent practicable and consistent with the other provisions of this section, consideration shall be given to minority applicants.

(c) Scholarships awarded under this scholarship program shall be awarded for the length of the course of instruction required for graduation as a medical technologist or medical laboratory technician

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60. Of this number at least 42 practice incentive grants shall be awarded to medical laboratory practitioners who agree to practice in rural areas who were enrolled in and have graduated from a medical laboratory educational program

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for as a physician's assistant unless terminated before such period of time. Such scholarships shall provide to the student receiving the scholarship the payment of tuition, fees, books, room and board in an amount not to exceed the total of \$3,500 annually. The amount of each scholarship shall be established annually by the executive officer and shall be financed equally by the sponsor of the student and by the state of Kansas, except that if the sponsor is located in a rural area or is a medical care facility which has less than 100 beds, the total amount of the scholarship financed by such sponsor shall not exceed \$1,000 and the balance of such amount shall be paid by the state of Kansas.

(d) If all scholarships authorized to be awarded under this section to medical laboratory students whose sponsors are located in rural areas have not been awarded by a date established by the state board of regents, the scholarships which have not been awarded by that date may be awarded to medical laboratory students who have a sponsor and who are otherwise qualified to be awarded a scholarship under this act. If all scholarships authorized to be awarded under this section to physician assistant students whose sponsors are located in rural areas have not been awarded by a date established by the state board of regents, the scholarships which have not been awarded by that date may be awarded to physician assistant students who have a sponsor and who are otherwise qualified to be awarded a scholarship under this act.

Sec. 4. (a) An applicant for a scholarship under this scholarship program shall provide to the executive officer, on forms supplied by the executive officer, the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) the name and address of the reducational program which the applicant is enrolled in or to which the applicant has been idmitted.

(3) [the name and address of the sponsor of the applicant and a verified copy of the agreement entered into by the applicant and the sponsor in accordance with the provisions of this act; and

(4)] any additional information which may be required by the executive officer.

(b) As a condition to awarding a scholarship under this act, the executive officer and the applicant for a scholarship shall enter into an agreement which shall require that the scholarship recipient:

(1) Complete the required course of instruction;

(2) engage in the full-time practice, or the equivalent to full-time practice as specified by rules and regulations of the state board of regents adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 7 and amendments thereto, in the employment of the sponsor in accor-

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commence full-time practice, or the equivalent to full-time practice as specified by rules and regulations of the state board of regents adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 7 and amendments thereto, within six months after graduation from the accredited educational program in accordance with the agreement entered into by the scholarship recipient and the sponsor and continue such full-time practice for the total amount of time required under the agreement, which shall be for a period of not less than the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship assistance was provided;

(4) maintain records and make reports to the executive officer as may be required by the executive officer to document the satisfaction of the obligation under this act and under agreements entered into with the sponsor; and

[5] upon failure to satisfy an agreement to engage in full-time practice, or the equivalent to full-time practice as specified by rules and regulations of the state board of regents adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 7 and amendments thereto, for the required period of time under any such agreement, repay to the state and to the sponsor amounts as provided in section 5 and amendments thereto.

(c) Upon the awarding of a scholarship under this act, the sponsor-shall pay to the executive officer 50% of the amount of such scholarship. Each such amount shall be deposited in the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program fund in accordance with section 8 and amendments thereto.

(d) The sponsorship by a scholarship recipient may be transferred from one sponsor to another upon the agreement of the original sponsor, the scholarship recipient and the sponsor to which the sponsorship is to be transferred. The terms, conditions and obligations of the transferred agreement shall be substantially similar to the terms, conditions and obligations of the original agreement. Except for sponsorships transferred because of a family exigency, no sponsorship shall be transferred unless the agreement transferring such sponsorship provides for service in a rural area. An agreement transferring a sponsorship shall not be effective until the agreement is approved by the executive officer as consistent with the provisions of this act and as consistent with any rules and regulations relating thereto adopted by the state board of regents in accordance with the provisions of section 7 and amendments thereto.

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(c) Payments to a medical laboratory practitioner provided for under this act shall be made upon vouchers approved by the state board of regents, or by its executive officer, and upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports. Upon receiving any such voucher, the director of accounts and reports shall issue a warrant to the medical laboratory practitioner entitled thereto and shall cause the warrant to be delivered to the medical laboratory practitioner.

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Sec. 5. Except as provided in section 6 and amendments thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the obligation under any agreement entered into pursuant to this act, such person shall pay to the executive officer an amount equal to the total amount of money received by such person spursuant to such agreement which is financed by the state of Kansas plus annual interest at a rate of 15% fand shall pay to the sponsor an amount equal to 15% of the total amount of money received by such person pursuant to such agreement which was financed by the sponsor plus annual interest at a rate of 15%. Installment payments of such amounts may be made In accordance with the provisions of agreements entered into by the scholarship recipient and the sponsor or if no such provisions exist in such agreements, in accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents, except that such installment payments shall commence six months after the date of the action or circumstances that cause the failure of the person to satisfy the obligations of such agreements, as determined by the executive officer based upon the circumstances of each individual case. Amounts paid under this section to the executive officer shall be deposited in the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program fund in accordance with section 8 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. (a) Except as otherwise specified in the agreement with, the sponsor, an obligation under any agreement entered into with the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program shall be postponed: (1) During any required period of active military service; (2) during any period of service in the peace corps; (3) during any period of service as a part of volunteers in service to America (VISTA); (4) during any period of service commitment to the United States public health service; (5) during any period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from tax under subsection (c) of section 501 of the internal revenue code of 1986 as in effect on January 1, 1993; (6) during any period of temporary medical disability during which the person obligated is unable because of such medical disability to practice clinical laboratory sciences or (7) during any period of time the person obligated is enrolled and actively engaged on a full-time basis in a course of study leading to a graduate degree in a field in which such person was awarded a scholarship under this act which is higher than that attained formerly by the person obligated. Except for clause (6) of this subsection (a), an obligation under any agreement entered into under this act shall not be postponed unless the postponement is approved by the sponsor or is otherwise provided for in the agreement with the sponsor.

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(b) An obligation under any agreement under the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program shall be satisfied: (1) If the obligation in accordance with an agreement under the scholarship program has been completed; (2) if the person obligated dies; (3) if, because of permanent physical disability, the person obligated is unable to satisfy the obligation; (4) if the person obligated fails to satisfy the requirements for completion of the educational program after making the best effort possible to do sq. or (5) if, because of bankruptcy, loss of licensure or certification or other failure in the operations of the sponsor, the sponsor cannot or will not employ the person obligated.

Sec. 7. The state board of regents, after consultation with the committee, may adopt rules and regulations establishing minimum terms, conditions and obligations which shall be incorporated into the provisions of any agreement entered into between a sponsor and the recipient of a scholarship under the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program. The terms, conditions and obligations shall be consistent with the provisions of law relating to the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarshiplorogram. The terms, conditions and obligations so established shall include, but not be limited to, the terms of eligibility for financial assistance under the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program, the amount of financial assistance to be offered, the length of employment with the sponsor required as a condition to the receipt of such financial assistance to be offered, the circumstances under which such semployment may be discharged or forgiven, the amount of money required to be repaid because of failure to satisfy the obligations under an agreement and the method of repayment and such other additional provisions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the medical laboratory and physicians' assistant student scholarship program. The state board of regents, after consultation with the committee, shall adopt rules and regulations establishing criteria for evaluating the financial need of applicants for scholarships and may adopt such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program.

Sec. 8. There is hereby created in the state treasury the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program fund. The executive officer shall remit all moneys received under this act to the state treasurer at least monthly. Upon receipt of each such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury, and such amount shall be credited to the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship

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program fund. All expenditures from the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program fund shall be for scholarship awarded under this act and shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the executive officer or by a person designated by the executive officer.

- [Sec. 9. (a) There is hereby created the scholarship review committee which shall consist of the following members appointed by the governor: One member representing Kansas hospitals, one member representing Kansas medical technologists, one member representing Kansas medical laboratory technicians, one member representing Kansas physicians' assistants, one member who is a "responsible physician" as defined under K.S.A. 65-2897a and amendments thereto, the chief executive officer of a college or university under the control and supervision of the state board of regents which college or university has an accredited medical technology educational program and the chief executive officer of a college or university under the control and supervision of the state board of regents which college or university has an approved physicians' assistants educational program.
- (b) The members of the review committee appointed by the governor shall be appointed for three-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Upon the vacancy of a position on the committee appointed by the governor, the governor shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill such position. If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term, the governor shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill such position for the unexpired term.
- (c) The committee shall elect annually from among its members a chairperson. The committee shall meet on the call of the chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the committee. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) The committee shall provide oversight of the medical laboratory and physicians' assistants student scholarship program and shall be advisory to the executive officer and the state board of regents in the administration of such program. The committee shall exercise such other powers and duties as may be specified by law.
- (e) The members of the committee who are not state officers or employees and who are attending meetings of such committee, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such committee, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto. Amounts paid under this subsection shall be from appropriations to the state board of regents upon

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warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the executive officer or a person designated by the executive officer.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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