

SESSION OF 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 17**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 17, as amended, would require the administering agency of the following funds to provide to the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Appropriations Committee a detailed explanation of how docket fee moneys are being expended in the current fiscal year, how these docket fee moneys will be expended in the next fiscal year, and justification for continued receipt of docket fee revenue:

- Juvenile Detention Facilities Fund;
- Crime Victims Assistance Fund;
- Protection from Abuse Fund;
- Kansas Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund;
- Permanent Families Account in the Family and Children Investment Fund;
- Trauma Fund; and
- Child Exchange and Visitation Centers Fund.

The percentage distribution of docket fees to authorized funds existing in current law is not changed by the bill.

**Background**

Court docket fees was a topic of interim study by the Special Committee on Judiciary. The Special Committee reviewed, among other things, whether docket fee revenue should be used solely for funding of the Judicial Branch and whether non-judicial recipients of the docket fee revenue should be required to annually justify their receipt of that revenue. The Special Committee recommended introduction of a bill that would delete certain funds from district court docket fee distribution so that docket fee revenue would be used solely for funding the Judicial Branch. SB 17, as introduced, incorporated the recommendations of the Special Committee.

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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>

The proponents of the bill as introduced included Richard Hayse, Kansas Bar Association; Marilyn Harp, Kansas Legal Services; and Terry Humphrey, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

The opponents of the bill as introduced included Sandy Barnett, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; Eileen Doran, Battered Women's Task Force; Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Dr. Paul Harrison, Advisory Committee on Trauma; Dan Gibb, Kansas Attorney General's Office; Lynn Jenkins, Topeka YMCA; Lois Rice, CASA; Mark Gleeson, Office of Judicial Administration; Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society; Susan Bumsted, Kansas State Nurses Association; Randy Rogers, Kansas Sheriff's Association; and Maureen Mahoney, Wyandotte County.

The Committee amended the bill to retain the percentage distribution of docket fees to authorized funds existing in current law. The Committee also amended the bill to require the non-judicial recipients of the docket fee revenue to annually report expenditure and justify their receipt of that revenue.

The fiscal note on the bill as introduced is not applicable to the bill as amended.