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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2594**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2594 would create the Joint Committee on Social and Rehabilitation Services Oversight. The Committee would consist of 12 members, including six from the House of Representatives and six from the Senate. Of the House members, four would be appointed by the Speaker and two would be appointed by the Minority Leader. Of the Senate members, four would be appointed by the Senate President and two would be appointed by the Minority Leader. All members would serve two-year terms ending on the first day of the Legislative session in the odd numbered year following the appointment. The Speaker of the House would appoint the first chairperson and the Senate President would appoint the first vice-chairperson by July 1, 2007. The chairperson and vice-chairperson would serve alternating one-year terms except that the Speaker of the House would appoint a new Chairperson on the first day of the 2008 Session to serve a one-year term and the Senate President would do the same for the Vice-Chairperson. Members on the Committee would receive normal compensation, travel and subsistence when attending meetings.

The Committee would have the following authorities and responsibilities:

- Authority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson;
- Exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions of the Department of Social and

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Rehabilitation Services concerning mental health reform, developmental disabilities reform and services provided by the Department to children;

- Authority to study any other topics as it deems appropriate; and
- Authority to introduce legislation as it deems necessary.

The provisions of this bill would expire on July 1, 2015 and would be in force upon publication in the statute book.

### **Background**

HB 2594 was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations. Proponents appearing on the bill were Representative Brenda Landwehr, and representatives of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, and the Child Welfare Companies. No opponents appeared on the bill. The Committee amended the bill to include developmental disabilities reform to the list of areas for which the Oversight Committee would be responsible for monitoring and studying.

No fiscal note was available at the time of the bill hearing.