

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2341**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

If enacted, Senate Sub. for HB 2341 would create a new law that would be cited as The Disposition of Fetal Remains Act. The new legislation would require every hospital, medical care facility, and maternity center to adopt written policies and inform parents of options for the disposition of fetal remains in the event of a fetal death.

Background

The bill, as amended by House Committee, would have defined terms used in the bill; set out methods of final disposition of fetal remains; and required every hospital, birthing center, and other health care facility to adopt written standards for the final disposition of fetal remains and to inform the mother of the right to determine the final disposition.

In both the House and Senate committee hearings, one individual and one member of the Legislature appeared in support of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Hospital Association appeared to suggest changes and, in the Senate hearing, to inform the Committee of a survey of Kansas hospitals that found such hospitals already have written policies in place. A representative of a Topeka hospital noted the legislation was probably not necessary and gave the Committee copies of the hospital's written policies and the forms furnished to parents.

There is no fiscal note on the substitute bill.

*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>