

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2685**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2685 would allow fellowship training in geriatric medicine to be included in the list of approved postgraduate residency training programs required for participation in the Medical Student Loan Program or Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship Program. Both programs require one year of service for each year of assistance provided through the programs, in a rural or medically under served area, as defined by the enacting statutes.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book.

**Background**

A representative of the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine and a representative of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians provided testimony in support of the bill. Several students from the University of Kansas Medical Center spoke in support of the bill as well. There were no opponents.

The fiscal impact of HB 2685 would be determined by appropriations for the two programs. The Medical Student Loan Program is funded through State General Fund appropriations, repayment funds, and other special revenue funds and is currently fully funds 120 scholarships. The Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship Program is funded through repayment funds and currently services 21 scholarships and has funding available to award additional scholarships.

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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>