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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2695**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

House Bill 2695, as amended, would amend existing law regarding training and certification of athletic trainers. The bill would allow the Board of Healing Arts to issue a license to an applicant without an examination under the following conditions:

- If the individual is licensed, registered, or certified in another jurisdiction with standards for examination and licensure, registration, or certification that are determined by the Board to be equivalent to Kansas' standards; or
- If the individual has been working as an athletic trainer in another jurisdiction, has passed an examination in athletic training that the Board finds is equivalent to the examination approved by the Board for Kansas, and is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association or another national credentialing body; and
- If, at the time of application, the individual has not been disciplined or does not have disciplinary action pending resulting from the practice of athletic training in another jurisdiction; and
- If the individual pays the fees prescribed by the Board, no part of which can be returned.

The bill would amend a temporary licensure provision to allow issuance to an athletic trainer who meets all licensure

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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>

requirements, except examination. It also would lengthen the notification period the Board must provide to licensees regarding expiration of their licenses from 30 days to 60 days.

In addition, the bill would delete the current requirement for 800 hours of clinical experience prior to licensure and would delete a licensing exemption provided for individuals who held a valid registration as an athletic trainer as of June 30, 2004.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Athletic Trainers Society whose representative stated that the educational requirement for 800 hours of clinical experience was not consistent with accredited curriculum programs. Other clarifying amendments, the representative noted, had been requested by the Board of Healing Arts. The Director of the Athletic Training Education Program at the University of Kansas also testified in support of the bill. There were no opponents to the bill at the time of the Committee hearing.

The House Committee amended the bill to ensure that the requirements for examination and certification conform with state law and inserted clarifying language regarding notification and fees.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill indicates passage of the bill would have no effect on the state budget.