

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2757**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2757 would amend Kansas statutes regarding government hospitals to allow hospital boards to enter into employment contracts for an administrator or chief operating officer of the hospital, and to allow such contracts to establish compensation as well as the terms of the agreement.

Specifically, the bill would provide that a hospital trustee would receive reimbursement for expenses incurred and that an itemized statement of all expenses and moneys paid would be made under oath and filed with the secretary of the hospital board.

Background

HB 2757 was introduced at the request of the Kansas Hospital Association, whose representative stated that a recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, concluded that government hospitals in Kansas lack authority under existing state law to enter into employment contracts with administrators. The representative indicated that many Kansas government hospitals currently have employment contracts with their administrators. The Kansas Legislative Policy Group also testified in support of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill at the time of the hearing.

*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>

HB 2757, as introduced, would apply only to county hospitals. The House Committee adopted a substitute bill that would apply to city, county, and township hospitals.

The Senate Committee amended the bill by inserting the provision regarding reimbursement for the expenses of trustees.

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