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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2983

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2983 would create the Physician Workforce and Accreditation Task Force. The Task Force would be composed of 13 members as follows:

- Two members of the medical faculty or administrators of the University of Kansas Medical Center; appointed by the dean of the school of medicine, one from the Kansas City Campus, and one from the Wichita Campus;
- Two members appointed by the Governor, practicing medicine in Kansas and are current or former participants in a Kansas graduate medical residency program;
- One member appointed by the Board of Regents;
- One member representing Via Christi appointed by the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME);
- One member representing Wesley Medical Center, appointed by WCGME;
- One member appointed by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA);
- One member who is an administrator of a rural hospital appointed by the Kansas Hospital Association;
- One legislator appointed by the Senate President;

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- One legislator appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- One legislator appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
and
- One legislator appointed by the House Minority Leader.

The Chairman of the Task Force would be designated by the House Speaker from the membership, and the Vice-Chairman would be designated by the Senate President from the membership. The Task Force would meet on call of the chairman, or on the request of seven members, subject to the approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council. Seven members would be a quorum.

The Task Force would be charged with the study and adoption of recommendations regarding the physician workforce in the state and accreditation issues at the WCGME. The Task Force would be staffed by the Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, and Legislative Administrative Services. The Task Force would be required to report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means prior to the beginning of the 2009 regular session.

The bill take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make the members of the Task Force who are practicing medicine in Kansas also be current or former participants in a Kansas graduate medical residency program. In addition, the Committee of the Whole amended the bill to add a Task Force member who is an administrator of a rural hospital and appointed by the Kansas Hospital Association. The bill was

further amended to expand the accreditation issues to be studied to include both the Kansas City and Wichita programs sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The House Committee on Appropriations amended the bill to require that one of the members appointed by the University of Kansas Medical Center come from the Kansas City Campus and the other from the Wichita Campus.

Representatives of the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas Academy of Family Physicians presented testimony in support of the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Medical Society, Health Care of America, and the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education provided neutral testimony in regard to the bill. There were no opponents.