

SESSION OF 2025

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2392**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

### **Brief\***

HB 2392, as amended, would allow a school for professional or practical nurses to qualify as an approved school if the school's faculty possess a nursing degree awarded by a state or nationally accredited school of nursing approved by the Board of Nursing (Board) that is at least one level more advanced than the degree awarded by the program in which they are teaching. The bill would prohibit the Board from requiring additional or more advanced credentials for faculty.

The bill would also update the definition an "approved long-term provider"—a person, organization, or institution that is responsible for the development, administration, and evaluation of continuing nursing education programs and offerings—to specify that the provider would be approved as qualified by the Board.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Wasinger.

### ***House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of LeadingAge Kansas. The

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proponent generally stated the bill would address the shortage of nursing professionals by modifying the Kansas Nurse Practice Act for faculty requirements.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Johnson County Community College.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Board of Nursing.

No other testimony was provided.

### ***House Committee of the Whole***

The House Committee amended the bill to remove references to medical degrees and medical schools and make a technical change for clarity.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Board of Nursing indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the Board. The State Board of Regents indicates enactment would not have a fiscal effect on the Board but could affect universities; the fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Nursing; workforce development; Board of Nursing; nursing schools; higher education