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To:

House Committee on Appropriations

From: Bobbi Mariani, Fiscal Analyst

Re:

SB 436 -- Creating the Newborn Screening Fund

New subsection (1) in SB 436 would establish the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Environment. The purpose of the fund is to make expenditures for the newborn screening program. SB 436, as amended, would provide that each month the amount necessary to fund the newborn screening program as certified by the Secretary of Health and Environment would be transferred from the State General Fund to the Kansas Newborn Screening Fund from fees collected pursuant to KSA 40-3213. The amount transferred shall not exceed the amount credited to the State General Fund (SGF) pursuant to KSA 40-3213.

In accordance with KSA 40-3213, fees are collected on every health maintenance organization and medicare provider organization and deposited into the State General Fund. Fees are collected as follows:

- Every health maintenance organization and medicare provider organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act pay to the Commissioner of Insurance the following fees:
 - For filing an application for a certificate of authority, \$150;
 - o For filing each annual report, \$50; and
 - For filing an amendment to the certificate of authority, \$10.
- Every health maintenance organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act pay annually to the Commissioner of Insurance at the time such organization files its annual report, a privilege fee in an amount equal to 1 percent per annum of the total of all premiums, subscription charges or any other term which may be used to describe the charges made by such organization to enrollees.

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