

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 112

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 112, as amended, would permit a registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) to practice as an independent advanced registered nurse to the full extent of the scope of the licensee's education and qualifications except for the performance of surgery for the purpose of implantation of medication reservoirs for drug delivery devices.

The bill would permit a CRNA to prescribe, procure, select, order and administer any drug consistent with the licensee's education and qualifications but would prohibit a CRNA from performing, inducing or prescribing, procuring, or administering drugs for an abortion.

The bill would take effect on and after January 1, 2024, and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at the request of a representative of the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

*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>

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 16, 2023, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists and two CRNAs, who stated generally that the objective of the bill was to permit nurse anesthetists to practice independently to the full extent of their scope of practice, which would also permit them to individually obtain Drug Enforcement Association licenses and purchase their own supplies and medications. The proponents also stated the bill would provide them with prescriptive authority.

Written-only proponent testimony was received from representatives of Americans for Prosperity, Kansas Advanced Practice Nurse Association, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Chiropractic Association, Kansas Justice Institute, Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas State Nurses Association, and a surgeon, a CRNA, two chiropractors, and three members of the nursing profession.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Medical Society, who proposed an amendment that would authorize CRNAs to have the same scope of practice as advanced practice registered nurses.

Written-only opponent testimony was received from a representative of the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Written-only neutral testimony was received from a representative of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to prohibit CRNAs engaging in independent practice from:

- Performing, inducing or prescribing, procuring, or administering drugs for an abortion; and

- Performing surgery for the purpose of implantation of medication reservoirs for drug delivery devices.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas State Board of Nursing indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect. Any expenses associated with the bill would include staff time for the revision of regulations, holding a public hearing, and publication costs in the *Kansas Register*. Communication to the Board's licensees and stakeholders would occur through current communication methods with no added cost. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

CRNA; nurse anesthetist; independent practice; abortion