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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL  
NO. 2242**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2242 would add a new definition for “unborn child” to the collection of data for vital statistics and also would provide for unborn child death certificates. The bill would specify the circumstances under which an unborn child death certificate would be filed. The bill also would maintain the current weight of 350 grams or more as the threshold for the definition for “stillbirth” reporting.

**Background**

HB 2242, as introduced, would have amended current law regarding the definitions for live births and stillbirths, and would have changed the reporting criteria for filing reports of stillbirths with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The bill also would have changed reporting criteria for filing stillbirth reports from the current stillborn weight of 350 grams or more to 250 grams or more.

Senator Mary Pilcher Cook appeared as a proponent for the bill as introduced. Neutral written testimony was provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment who supported creating a new category of public health information about pregnancy loss and the group of vital events known as miscarriages. First-year costs of adding miscarriages as a new reportable category was estimated at \$235,000, with future annual costs of \$57,000 estimated after implementation.

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\*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>

A KDHE representative indicated a revised cost for the Sub. for HB 2242 would be approximately \$100,000 for reprogramming the vital statistics system and annual costs of approximately \$57,000 for one field representative to assist with data collection.