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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill brief for HB 2749

HB 2749, As Amended by House Committee, requires medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 65-445, the statute that currently requires medical care facilities to keep certain records on all lawfully terminated pregnancies and submit an annual report with the required reporting information.

Subsection (c) would require each patient seeking termination of a pregnancy to be asked which reason was the most important in the patient's decision to seek an abortion. The options include factors like interfering with education or career, inability to provide for the child, already having too many children, pressure from a husband or partner, the pregnancy being the result of rape or incest and the pregnancy threatening the patient's physical or mental health. If the patient declines to answer, that response shall be included.

Subsection (d) requires the report to include the number of times each response listed in subsection (c) was described as the most important and the number of times the patient was asked but declined to answer.

Subsection (e) would require certain demographic information to be collected on each patient including age, marital status, residence, level of education, whether the patient had previously received financial assistance, reports of domestic violence in the last 12 months and the method of abortion.

The House Committee on Health and Human Services adopted amendments changing the term ‘woman’ to ‘patient’, struck five of the reasons offered as options in subsection (c) and removed direction for the patient to rank the second and third most important reasons for seeking an abortion.

HB 2754 passed the House on a vote of 81 to 39 and would become effective on publication in the statute book, July 1, 2024.