

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2263**

As Amended by House Committee on Health  
and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2263, as amended, would amend a provision in the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas to add pharmacy technicians, at least 18 years of age and under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist, to the list of those authorized to administer vaccinations after successfully completing a course of study and training in vaccination storage, protocols, injection technique, emergency procedures, recordkeeping, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The bill also would require a pharmacist, pharmacy student, or pharmacy intern to be at least 18 years of age to administer a vaccine.

Pharmacy technicians would be added to pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy interns as:

- Authorized to administer:
  - The influenza vaccine to persons six years of age or older; and
  - Vaccines, other than the influenza vaccine, to persons 12 years of age or older pursuant to a vaccination protocol;
- Required to record the immunization to the appropriate physician for the individual receiving the immunization; and

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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>

- Prohibited from delegating authority to administer a vaccination.

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Eplee on behalf of the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA).

### ***House Committee on Health and Human Services***

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the KPhA provided **proponent** testimony, stating that the bill would allow pharmacy technicians to continue to administer vaccinations after completing training as had been permitted under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) after it expires in October 2024. The representative noted that an amendment was requested to clarify that pharmacy technicians needed to be 18 years of age or older to administer vaccinations.

Additional proponent testimony was heard from a pharmacy technician and a pharmacist who stated the number of vaccines they had been able to administer in their communities due to the PREP Act and how adding pharmacy technicians would continue to benefit their communities.

Written-only proponent testimony was submitted by a representative of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (Board).

Neutral testimony was offered by a representative of Kansas Medical Society who also expressed support for specifying an age requirement.

The House Committee amended the bill to add “18 years of age or older” as a requirement for those permitted to administer vaccinations.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Board states the bill would expand state authority to match current federal authority, which has been in place for two and half years. The Board anticipates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Board.

Pharmacy technician; vaccine; pharmacist