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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Jenna Moyer, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: SB89 – Modifying the membership and duties of the substance abuse policy

board of the Kansas criminal justice coordinating council.

Senate Bill 89 amends K.S.A. 74-9501, the statute that establishes the Kansas criminal justice coordinating council. Subsection (b) outlines the membership of the council and is amended to allow the governor or attorney general to be represented by a designee and strike the commissioner of juvenile justice as a member of the council.

Subsection (e) contains the duties of the council, including establishing the substance abuse policy board in subsection (e)(8)(A). The bill adds language that requires the substance abuse policy board to study treatment for substance abuse while in custody. The board is already tasked with studying the use of drug courts, and the study of other therapeutic courts is added.

The membership of the substance abuse policy board is amended to allow the secretary of corrections, the secretary for aging and disability services, and the director of the KBI to be represented by designees. The commissioner of juvenile justice is stricken as a member of the board and a criminal defense attorney appointed by the Kansas association of criminal defense lawyers is added as a member of the board.