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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 25, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2077

HB 2077 would extend the Kansas criminal justice reform commission, limit its scope of study and add a public defender to the commission.

The bill amends K.S.A. 2-6902 to provide the commission shall analyze diversion programs, recommending legislation that requires pre-filing and post-filing diversion be available in all counties, establishes minimum standards for diversion and provides a method for removing diversions from criminal records. It would also require the commission to discuss and develop recommendations for legislation to establish research-based standards for community supervision programs that provide incentives to earn early discharge from supervision, create standard terms and conditions for supervision, create effective responses to behavior through incentives and graduated sanctions, and provide for a means to consolidate concurrent supervision into one agency.

The bill removes the requirement to study specialty courts, survey the availability of evidence-based programming, study the placement of offenders within the department of corrections custody, evaluate information management systems and study other matters. The bill also adds a public defender appointed by the executive director of the board of indigents' defense services to the commission, and creates a new final reporting date of December 1, 2021.

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