

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2083

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2083, as amended, would amend law regarding membership of the Kansas Sentencing Commission (Commission) to require Kansas Senate members appointed to the Commission to also serve on the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Kansas House of Representatives members appointed to the Commission to also serve on the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

Current law requires the Senate President, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives to each appoint one of the four members from their respective chambers and does not specify a committee membership requirement.

The provisions of the bill would become effective January 9, 2023.

Background

The bill was introduced on January 20, 2021 by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

[*Note:* HB 2083 contains provisions similar to those of 2020 HB 2493, as recommended by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.]

*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>

House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In the House Committee hearing on February 3, 2021, a representative of the Kansas Sentencing Commission testified as a **proponent** of the bill indicating members of the Commission that are also members of the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary could better advocate or articulate the position of the Commission. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to change the effective date from publication in the statute book to January 9, 2023.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Commission and the Legislative Coordinating Council both indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

According to the prison bed impact assessment prepared by the Commission, the bill, as introduced, would have no impact on prison admissions.

Kansas Sentencing Commission membership; judiciary; corrections