

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2369**

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2369, as amended, would modify law concerning the Kansas Closed Case Task Force (Task Force) by extending the deadline, from October 1, 2020, to October 1, 2021, for completion of the protocol implementation plan relating to closed cases. Similarly, the bill would extend the deadline, from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2021, for the Task Force's report containing a plan for uniform implementation of the protocol. The bill would extend the sunset date for the Task Force from December 30, 2020, to December 30, 2021. The bill would also authorize the Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and Legislative Administrative Services to aid the Task Force.

The bill would amend the membership of the Task Force to allow a designee to serve in place of the state combined DNA index system (CODIS) administrator, but would otherwise continue the Task Force as it existed on December 29, 2020, with all other members appointed prior to that date continuing as members of the Task Force.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Patton.

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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>

### ***House Committee on Judiciary***

The House Committee hearing was held on February 16, 2021. No testimony was provided. In the hearing, Representative Patton (a co-chairperson of the Task Force) stated the Task Force was close to completing its work in 2020, but needed additional time to do so, and also needed assistance from legislative staff.

On February 23, 2021, the House Committee amended the bill to allow a designee to serve in the place of the CODIS administrator.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, enactment of the bill would cost additional expenditures of \$10,879, all from the State General Fund, in FY 2022. This estimate is based upon the Task Force meeting four times between July 1, 2021, and December 30, 2021, for the cost of four legislators on the Task Force, including \$9,436 for salary, fringe benefits, subsistence, and mileage expenditures, and \$1,443 for a committee assistant. Existing staff time from the Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and Legislative Administrative Services would require no additional expenditures. The agencies serving on the Task Force (Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Office of Attorney General, Board of Indigents' Defense Services, and Department of Corrections) would require additional staff time. In addition, members appointed by the Kansas Sheriffs Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association, and Kansas Bar Association would be required to serve an additional calendar year on the Task Force; however, any fiscal effect would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with this bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Closed Case Task Force; membership; deadlines; legislative staff