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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 244

Senate Bill 244 authorizes the attorney general to prosecute any crime that is part of an alleged course of criminal conduct that occurred in two or more counties.

The bill amends K.S.A. 75-702, the statute concerning the attorney general's duties and responsibilities. Current law provides that the attorney general shall have authority to prosecute any matter related to certain unlawful acts when the offender is an officer or employee of a city or county. The bill adds that the attorney general shall have concurrent authority with any county or district attorney to prosecute any crime or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation of any crime that is part of an alleged course of criminal conduct that occurred in two or more counties.