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SENATE BILL No. 526

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating 1 2 to sex offenses; creating the crime of aggravated sexual extortion and providing criminal penalties therefor; adding making a demand for 3 4 money or other thing of value to the elements of the crime of sexual extortion; amending K.S.A. 21-5515 and repealing the existing section. 5 6 7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:* 8 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-5515 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-9 5515. (a) Sexual extortion is communicating by any means a demand for 10 money or other thing of value or a threat to injure the property or 11 reputation of a person, commit violence against a person, or distribute an 12 image, video or other recording of a person that is of a sexual nature or 13 depicts such person in a state of nudity: 14 (1) With the intent to coerce such person to: (A) Engage in sexual contact, sexual intercourse or conduct that is of a sexual nature; or (B) 15 produce, provide or distribute an image, video or other recording of a 16 person in a state of nudity or engaging in conduct that is of a sexual nature; 17 18 or 19 (2) that causes such person to: (A) Engage in sexual contact, sexual 20 intercourse or conduct that is of a sexual nature; or (B) produce, provide or 21 distribute an image, video or other recording of a person in a state of 22 nudity or engaging in conduct that is of a sexual nature. 23 (b) Aggravated sexual extortion is sexual extortion as defined in 24 subsection (a) when: 25 (1)Such extortion causes bodily harm, great bodily harm or death; 26 or 27 (2) the person who is the subject of such extortion is a person who is 28 under 18 years of age or a dependent adult as defined in K.S.A. 21-5417, 29 and amendments thereto. 30 Sexual extortion as defined in: (c)(1)31 Subsection (a)(1) is a severity level 7, person felony; and (1)(A)subsection (a)(2) is a severity level 4, person felony. 32 (2)(B)33 (2) Aggravated sexual extortion is a severity level 3, person felony. 34 This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas (c)(d) 35 eriminal code If an offender violates this section by engaging in conduct that would constitute a violation of K.S.A. 21-5510, and amendments 36

- 1 thereto, the provisions of K.S.A. 21-5510, and amendments thereto, shall
- 2 *apply, not this section.*
- 3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-5515 is hereby repealed.
- 4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 5 publication in the statute book.