

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2131**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2131, as amended, would provide that the mission of the Kansas Judicial Council (Council) is to study the administration of justice in Kansas and make recommendations for improvements therefor.

[*Note:* Currently, the statute provides that it shall be the continuous duty of the Council to survey and study the judicial branch of the state and recommend improvements in the administration of justice.]

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 a representative of the Council.

***House Committee on Judiciary***

In the House Committee hearing on February 1, 2023, a representative of the Council testified as a **proponent**, stating the bill would amend language in the first sentence of the statute to more accurately reflect the Council's current mission and purpose by replacing the duty to study the judicial branch with the overall study of the judicial process. No other testimony was provided.

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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>

### ***Senate Committee on Judiciary***

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 13, 2023, a representative of the Council testified as a proponent, stating that the bill would not make any changes to current Council operations and the change would more accurately reflect the current operations and mission of the Council. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Council indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

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