

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2429**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

**Brief\***

HB 2429, as amended, would amend law relating to the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission (Commission) and the Kansas Cold Case Task Force (Task Force).

***Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission***

The bill would add a public defender voting member to the Commission; this public defender would be appointed by the State Board of Indigents' Defense Services (BIDS).

The bill would also authorize members of the Commission who are not legislators or public employees to receive mileage, tolls, and parking as provided in continuing law, for attendance at any meeting of the Commission or Commission subcommittee. The bill would define "public employee" for this purpose to mean an employee of the State of Kansas; any employee of an incorporated city; or any employee of a county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of the State.

***Kansas Cold Case Task Force***

The bill would amend law related to the Task Force regarding staffing and the expiration of the Task Force. The bill would require staff of the Office of Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, and Division of Legislative

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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>

Administrative Services to provide assistance to the Task Force as requested by the co-chairs of the Task Force. The bill would also make a technical correction.

## **Background**

HB 2429 was prefiled for introduction by Representatives Owen and Finney. In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice hearing, a representative of the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers testified in support. Written proponent testimony was provided by Representative Owens. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to specify the public defender member be appointed by BIDS; insert the contents of HB 2471 relating to payment of mileage, tolls, and parking for Commission members who are not legislators or public employees; and add provisions regarding staffing of the Task Force.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, BIDS stated enactment of the bill could result in the agency incurring travel costs such as a rental car if the appointed public defender works in an office outside of the Topeka area. However, BIDS estimated the costs would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. The Department of Corrections anticipated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

## ***HB 2471 (Mileage, Tolls, and Parking Reimbursement)***

HB 2471 was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Representative Jennings.

At the House Committee hearing, written proponent testimony was provided by Representative Jennings.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of HB 2471, as introduced, would increase costs for reimbursement of travel and subsistence by \$7,189 from the State General Fund in FY 2021 for the five members of the Commission who are not legislators or public employees.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2471 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.