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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 15, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2363

HB 2363 authorizes the appointed counsel rate paid by the board of indigents' defense services to be higher than \$80 per hour.

Current law in K.S.A. 22-4507 provides that appointed counsel shall be compensated at the rate of \$80 per hour unless the chief judge in a judicial district negotiates a lower rate or a contract between the board and appointed counsel specifies a lower rate. This bill would allow those appointed attorneys to be paid at a rate higher than \$80. It would keep the existing exceptions in place.