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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 7

Senate Bill 7 extends terminal medical release to inmates in the custody of the department of corrections with a condition likely to cause death within 120 days.

K.S.A. 22-3729 currently allows the prisoner review board, upon application by the secretary of corrections, to approve an application for terminal medical release if the chairperson of the board determines that the person has been deemed by a doctor to have a terminal medical condition likely to cause death within 30 days and does not represent a future risk to public safety. This terminal medical release is subject to revocation if the person released does not die within the prescribed time period. This bill authorizes release if a doctor has determined that a prisoner has a terminal medical condition likely to cause death within 120 days.