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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 477

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 477 raises the civil docket fee on all Chapter 60 cases by \$4 from \$101 to \$105 and provides that the \$4 increase shall be placed in the Protection From Abuse Fund. The bill expands the expenditure purposes of the fund to include sexual assault victims also. Moneys credited to the fund under the bill shall not be awarded to programs until July 1, 2003, and shall be used for ongoing operating expenses of domestic violence or sexual assault programs.

The Senate Committee made technical amendments regarding the proportionate disposition of the civil docket fees to reflect the \$4 increase for Protection From Abuse Fund and raised the amount of the new fee from \$1 to \$4.

Background

The bill was supported by the Attorney General, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Rape Victims Survival Program of Lawrence, Safe Homes, Inc., the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, and others.

The new fee raise from \$1 to \$4 was suggested by the Attorney General's Office because there was an over estimate of the amount a \$1 increase would generate. The \$4 fee is estimated to generate approximately \$217,000, annually.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

The Office of Judicial Administration recommended the technical amendment to KSA 20-367 to reflect the proportionate distribution of the docket fee.

The bill would not have any increased costs as operating costs. The added moneys to be generated are not accounted for in the *FY 2003 Governor's Budget Report*.