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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2673**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2673 amends the law regarding children in need of care by changing the definition of sexual abuse. Under the bill the phrase "regardless of the age of the child" is deleted. As a result, the age of a child will be governed by the Criminal Code.

Background

A district court judge from Johnson County appeared in support of the bill. The judge stated the need for the bill in light of a 2001 Court of Appeals case, *State v. VanHecke and Gault* 20 P. 2d 1277.

The fiscal note on the bill, as drafted, indicates no fiscal effect.

*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.accesskansas.org/legislature/>