

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 256**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 256 extends coverage of the Crime Victims Compensation Act to residents of Kansas who are victims of violent crimes outside the United States.

The House Committee inserted an amendment that makes the provisions of the bill applicable in instances where a death occurred after January 1, 2001, and the claimant makes a claim for compensation within 30 days of the effective date of the Act.

**Background**

The bill was supported by the Director of the Crime Victims Compensation Board of the Office of the Attorney General, the mother of Shannon Martin, a University of Kansas graduate student who was murdered in Costa Rica in May, 2001, the Kansas Organization for Victims Assistance, and Senator David Jackson.

The Crime Victim's Compensation Board representative said the bill would have a minimal fiscal impact.

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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>