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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2575

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2575 adds duly ordained ministers and regular ministers of religion, who obtain knowledge of abuse while acting in the performance of their professional capacity and not during a penitential communication, to the list of those individuals who are required to report situations of child or adult abuse.

Background

Representative Sue Storm appeared in support of the bill. The Senior Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Lawrence spoke in favor of the bill. Written support was expressed on behalf of a Deputy District Attorney in Sedgwick County.

Opposition to the original bill was voiced on behalf of the Kansas Catholic Conference, the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Dodge City, and the Kansas Ecumenical Ministries. These conferees supported the amendments to the bill which were inserted at their request.

The fiscal note indicates a negligible fiscal impact.

*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>