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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2626**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2626 would amend the law regarding missing persons by expanding the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) database on missing persons to include an unidentified person database. The information would be maintained in order to improve the ability to locate and return missing persons, identify persons or human remains, and inform family members. Information in the database would be available to law enforcement officers, state coroners, and state agencies with the need to know. The bill would outline procedural guidelines and time frames related to reporting.

The bill also would provide that the law enforcement agency investigating the report shall not give information to the reporting party if the law enforcement agency has reason to believe the missing person is an adult or an emancipated minor and is staying at or has made contact with a domestic violence or sexual assault program or the missing person does not expressly consent to the release of this information.

Some of the changes are technical in nature.

**Background**

Support for the bill was expressed by the sponsor of the bill, Representative Judy Morrison; Kyle Smith of the KBI; Eric Rucker with the Attorney General's Office; Johnson County Sheriff Frank Dennis; and Gary Howell, representing the Johnson County Laboratory.

Opposition for the bill, as drafted, was expressed by Sandy Barnett on behalf of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

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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>

The House Committee amended the bill by inserting the provision that would prohibit the dissemination of information by a law enforcement agency.

The fiscal note indicates that the KBI notes that HB 2626, as drafted, would require agency staff time to accommodate the additional procedures and data entry, but the work could be accomplished with existing staff and resources.