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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 495

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 495, as amended, would create new law prohibiting offenders who have twenty or fewer days remaining on their prison sentences from being transferred from a county correctional facility to a state correctional facility.

Background

Under current law, offenders who are sentenced to prison may be transferred to a state correctional facility no matter how little time is left on their sentence.

The proponent of the bill was Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the time frame from ten days to twenty days.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates passage of the bill could reduce agency costs as a result of not having to transport and process inmates who have *ten* or fewer days remaining on their prison sentences; however, because the agency is unable to predict how many inmates would be affected, the fiscal effect is unknown. The fiscal note also indicates that as these inmates remain in county custody, county costs to house them would be higher. Again, the fiscal effect is unknown.

*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>