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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2507

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2507, as amended, would amend current law to authorize the Kansas Parole Board (KPB) to impose a condition on offenders, released on parole or postrelease supervision, to make progress toward or successfully complete the equivalent of a secondary education. Additionally, the bill would clarify the KPB may impose any condition of postrelease supervision on an offender that is in accordance with evidence-based principles of offender case management.

Background

The Joint Committee on Parole Board Oversight, created with the passage of 2009 HB 2060, recommended the bill for introduction.

The proponent of the bill, as introduced, who testified at the House Committee was a member of the Kansas Parole Board.

There were no opponents of the bill who testified at the House Committee.

The House Committee amended the bill to reinstate the provision on making progress toward or successfully completing the equivalent of a secondary education, i.e., a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED). The provision would be discretionary rather than mandatory as it is

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in current law. Additionally, the House Committee made a technical amendment to strike duplicative language.

According to the fiscal note on the bill, as introduced, the KPB states to ensure statewide parole staff receive information about postrelease supervision conditions which are guided by evidence-based practices, the KPB would conduct training sessions in Wichita, Hays, Garden City, and Topeka. The training sessions outside of Topeka would require additional travel and subsistence expenses totaling \$1,800 from the State General Fund in FY 2011. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2507 is not reflected in *The FY 2011 Governor's Budget Report*.