

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2164

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2164 would amend the Law Enforcement Training Act to authorize individuals who are 20 years of age to apply for certification as a police officer or law enforcement officer, which would allow qualified applicants to attend law enforcement training prior to becoming 21 years of age. The bill would require an individual to be at least 21 years of age prior to full-time or part-time service as a police officer or law enforcement officer.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of a representative of the City of Topeka.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Topeka Police Department, who indicated the bill would address critical law enforcement recruitment challenges while maintaining the highest standards of public safety and professional training.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the City of Overland Park, League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Wichita Police Department.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training states that starting in FY 2026 it would require a 0.50 position at a cost of \$20,000 from its fee funds to manage the additional certifications, if the bill is enacted.

The Kansas Highway Patrol states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities state that enactment of the bill could increase the potential applicants for law enforcement positions, which could assist in recruitment and hiring. However, the Association and the League state the bill would not have a fiscal effect on county and city operating costs.

Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act; application; police officer; law enforcement officer; age requirement