

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2552

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2552, as amended, would require certain forms filed with the Kansas Sentencing Commission (Commission), including presentence investigation reports and certain journal entries, to be completed and submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Commission.

The bill would prohibit a court from receiving or recognizing the validity of such documents completed and submitted in any other form and manner.

The bill would also make technical amendments. It would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of a representative of the Commission.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by both the Executive Director and the Chairperson of the Commission, who indicated the bill would allow the agency to require courts to utilize electronic records and eliminate the current resource-intensive, paper-based

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system, and it would allow the agency's data to be more accurately compiled.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) who described the prior process and indicated the Office had directed all court services officers to use the new electronic system at the beginning of 2026.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee made technical amendments to update statutory phrasing.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The OJA states the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures that could be absorbed within its existing budget. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties as a result of increased filing fees for the filing and documentation requirements of the bill, increased costs to create a system for courts to use if only forms listed in the bill are recognized as valid, and enforcement and verification costs to ensure compliance. The Association is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Sentencing; forms; presentence investigation report; judgment; probation; revocation; felony; journal entry