

## **Sexually Violent Predators—Evaluation; Expert Witnesses; SB 280**

**SB 280** amends two sections of the Kansas Sexually Violent Predator Act (KSVPA).

First, the bill amends KSA 59-29a05 to require the person conducting a sexually violent predator evaluation to notify the subject: 1) of the nature and purpose of the evaluation; and 2) that the evaluation is not confidential, and the subject's statements and evaluator's conclusions will be disclosed to the court, the subject's attorney, the prosecutor, and the trier of fact at any commitment proceeding. The bill clarifies that such evaluations are to be ordered by the court.

Second, the bill amends KSA 2011 Supp. 59-29a06 to allow parties to call expert witnesses at any “proceeding” conducted under the KSVPA.