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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 248

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 248 would amend the requirement that the Secretary of Corrections provide written notice to victims or their families when the inmate committing the crime is released. Specifically, the Secretary would be required to provide such notice at least 14 working days prior to the inmate's release, unless the release is due to court order, escape, or death. The bill would provide that this section shall be known and cited as "Adrian Olajuwon Crosby and Dominique Nathaniel Tyree Green's Law."

The bill also would transfer the responsibility for victim notification of a defendant's commitment as incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, as well as related hearings, from the Secretary of Corrections to the district or county attorney.

Background

The bill was introduced by Senator Faust-Goudeau. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Faust-Goudeau and a private citizen testified in support of the bill. The citizen requested the Committee amend the bill to name the act to honor certain victims. A representative of the Kansas Department of Corrections also testified in support of the bill and offered language for a proposed amendment transferring the responsibility for victim notification of a defendant's commitment as incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, as well as related

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hearings, from the Secretary of Corrections to the district or county attorney.

The Senate Committee amended the bill by adopting the amendments proposed by the proponents of the bill. The Committee further amended the bill to clarify the circumstances in which notice would be required.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect.