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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 60

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 60 would amend the Kansas Open Records Act by adding a provision requiring requests for records submitted to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) central repository or other KBI repositories supporting the criminal justice information system to be directed to the criminal justice agency from which the records originated. An exception would be provided for requests of summary data compiled from information submitted by multiple criminal justice agencies.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee at the request of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. The Senate Judiciary Committee heard testimony supporting the bill from a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Peace Officers Association, and the Kansas Sheriffs Association. There was no opponent testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill indicates the KBI could see a decrease in the number of open records requests it receives if the bill is enacted. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates there could be increased costs for city police departments as open records requests shift from the KBI to local police departments. The League cannot quantify the higher expenses at this time.

*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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>