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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 88

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

SB 88, as amended, would increase the Children's Advocacy Center Fund fee paid by defendants convicted of certain crimes involving child victims to \$400. The bill also would eliminate a provision allowing the court to waive payment of all or part of the fee if the court is satisfied that payment of the fee would impose manifest hardship on the defendant.

Background

KSA 20-370 was created by 2004 HB 2568 and provides for the Children's Advocacy Center Fund, which is administered by the Attorney General and is used to defray operating expenditures for children's advocacy centers in the state. The amount of the fee was set at \$100 by the 2004 legislation and has not been increased since.

The bill was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee at the request of the Kansas Attorney General's Office. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Executive Director of the state network of Children's Advocacy Centers testified in support of the bill. There were no other conferees.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to strike a provision in existing law that allows the court to waive payment of all or part of the fee.

*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>

The House Committee amendment to the bill was technical in nature.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates the bill would increase the revenue into the Children's Advocacy Center Fund, but it is impossible to determine the amount of additional revenue that could be created because courts have the discretion to waive the full or partial amount of the fee. Any fiscal effect of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.