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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2447**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

**Brief\***

HB 2447, as amended, would increase the maximum number of days an inmate's sentence may be shortened for earning program credits from 90 days to 120 days. The provisions of the bill would be construed and applied retroactively, and the bill would direct the Secretary of Corrections to make the program credit calculations authorized by the bill no later than January 1, 2017.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight. In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, proponent testimony was provided by the interim Secretary of Corrections and a private citizen. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The House Committee adopted an amendment proposed by the interim Secretary of Corrections to make the bill effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register* and to specify that the program credit calculations must be made by January 1, 2017.

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\*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates the bill, as introduced, would save 115 adult prison beds in FY 2017. As of January 15, 2016, the available bed capacity is 9636. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection, the year-end population will exceed the available male capacity by 326 inmates in FY 2016 and 516 inmates in FY 2017.

Based on a contract rate of \$40 per day, the Department of Corrections estimates the bill could help it avoid costs of \$791,200.00 in FY 2017 to house inmates in contract beds.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.