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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2688

As Recommended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2688 would amend the definitions of assault on a law enforcement officer and battery on a law enforcement officer to include correctional officers employed in private correctional facilities.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Representative Sloan. In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by the Leavenworth County Attorney who stated the bill would help to deter inmates from committing this offense and help to protect the private correctional officers. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates enactment of the bill would have an effect on prison admissions, bed space, and the agency's workload; however, the Kansas Sentencing Commission cannot provide an estimate at this time since the agency has no information available regarding private correctional officers. If the Kansas Sentencing Commission provides an estimate, a revised fiscal note will be issued.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for counties because the workload of prosecutors would increase with the expanded definitions of assault and battery to a law

*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>

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