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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 281

SB 281 addresses protection orders for human trafficking victims. In 2017, the protection from stalking act was amended to create the protection from stalking or sexual assault act. That act would now become the protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act.

The substantive provisions are primarily in section 3 (pages 2-3), section 5 (pages 3-4), and section 7 (pages 4-6). Section 3, K.S.A. 61-31a02, adds definitions for the terms “human trafficking” and “human trafficking victim.” Section 5, K.S.A. 60-31a04, adds a new subsection (c) to allow a county or district attorney or the attorney general to seek relief for a minor child who is alleged to be a human trafficking victim under the protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act on behalf of the minor child. Section 7, K.S.A. 60-31a06, adds a new subsection (a)(5) to describe the orders of protection a court may issue for human trafficking victims.

The remaining sections of the bill are related to the substantive changes, simply amending references to the name of the act, and references to victims under the act, to include human trafficking: Section 1, K.S.A. 21-5924; Section 2, K.S.A. 60-31a01; Section 4, K.S.A. 60-31a03; Section 6, K.S.A. 60-31a05; Section 8, K.S.A. 60-31a07; Section 9, K.S.A. 60-31a08; and Section 10, K.S.A. 60-31a09.