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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2719

HB 2719 changes the process for collecting certain debts owed to courts.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 20-169 to amend the definition of “debts owed to courts” to include the cost of collection when collection services are performed by a district court trustee.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 20-376 to amend the definition of “restitution” to include debts owed to courts as defined in K.S.A. 20-169.

Section 3 amends K.S.A. 20-379, which is the statute that provides the powers and duties of a court trustee, to provide that no court trustee shall be required to contract for collections in any judicial district where the court trustee is appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 20-377.

Section 4 amends K.S.A. 20-380 to authorize a court trustee to charge a fee for collection of debts owed to courts. The fee charged shall be designated as the cost of collection and shall not exceed 33% of the amount collected. The cost shall be paid from the amount collected but shall not be deducted from the debts owed to courts or the restitution.