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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 19, 2019  
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2290

HB 2290, as amended by House Committee, creates the crime victims compensation division within the office of the attorney general.

Section 1 creates the division. It requires the division to receive applications for compensation and investigate and assist with the claim if the board requests. The attorney general would be required to maintain an office for the division and appoint a director and other employees as necessary. The division would be required to (1) prescribe the form for the applications, (2) request investigations and data to assist the board determine whether the claimant qualifies for compensation, (3) make information used by the board open to the public, including rules and regulations, policy statements, decisions and opinions; (4) publicize the availability of compensation and information about the board; and (5) perform other duties assigned by the attorney general. Confidentiality of a claimant's juvenile court records will not be applicable to these claims.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 74-7304 to remove the duties assigned to the attorney general's crime victim compensation division pursuant to section 1 from the duties required of the crime victim's compensation board. Section 3 amends K.S.A. 74-7305 to require applications for compensation be made in a manner prescribed by the new crime victims compensation division. Section 4 amends K.S.A. 74-7308 to provide that records and information given to the new division shall be confidential. Section 5 amends K.S.A. 74-7317 to provide that money in the crime victims compensation fund can be used by the new division.