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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2675

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2675 would amend a provision in the Protection from Abuse Act allowing extension of a protective order for at least two years, up to the lifetime of the defendant, under certain circumstances, following a verified motion by the plaintiff and evidentiary hearing by the court. The bill would add the following circumstance under which such an extension could be granted: the defendant has committed an act against the plaintiff that is substantially similar to a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal solicitation, or attempt thereof, under Kansas law or a substantially similar law of another jurisdiction, that the defendant has been convicted of committing against any other person.

The bill also would make technical amendments to reorganize this subsection and ensure consistency in statutory phrasing and references.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Phillips. In the House Committee hearing, an attorney, a private citizen, and a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence testified in support of the bill, stating the bill would allow longer extensions of protective orders for certain past victims of abuse who are not currently eligible for such extensions. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

*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 on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district court, requiring more time spent by court employees and judges on such cases. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.