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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 16, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on SB 4

SB 4 changes the criminal penalty for unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment.

Current law in K.S.A. 21-6322 sets the penalty for the crime at a severity level 6, nonperson felony. This bill would change unlawful tampering in the case of electronic monitoring equipment used for supervision of a felony offense to a severity level 8, nonperson felony, and unlawful tampering in the case of electronic monitoring equipment used for supervision of a misdemeanor or civil case to a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

This bill is identical to HB 2027 as it was introduced, which was heard and passed out of committee with amendments from the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.