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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 25, 2022

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2527

HB 2527 removes the authority for law enforcement officers to deliver a child in need of care to a court services officer and prohibits supervision of persons found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect by court services officers.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 22-3428. Current law in this statute allows the court to place patients who are found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect under the temporary supervision of district court probation and parole services, a community treatment facility or any appropriate private agency. This bill would amend this provision to provide that the patient shall not be supervised by court services officers.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 38-2232. Current law in this statute provides that when law enforcement is unable to deliver a child to the custody of the parent or other custodian of the child, law enforcement may deliver the child to a shelter facility designated by the court, a court services officer, a juvenile intake and assessment worker, a licensed attendant care center, a juvenile crisis intervention center in certain cases or another person. This bill would remove the option to deliver a child to a court services officer.