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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 26, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 8

Senate Bill 8 increases good time and program credits for certain offenders in the custody of the secretary of corrections.

Current law provides good time allowances to reduce a person's prison sentence by 15% or 20% depending on the type of crime the person committed. This bill would amend K.S.A. 21-6821 to provide that for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2021, an offender can earn good time in an amount equal to 25% of the prison part of the sentence for a person felony or 40% of the prison part of the sentence for a nonperson felony. Further, the amount of time that can be earned and retained by an inmate for the successful completion of programs and subtracted from any sentence is increased from 120 days to 150 days. Finally, the bill retains current law liability protection for the state, the secretary of corrections and the secretary's agents or employees for damages caused by any negligent act or omission in making the good time and program credit calculations authorized by this section, but eliminates the liability protection for a wrongful act or omission.