

MEMORANDUM

To: John Kirk, Division of the Budget
From: Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Date: February 22, 2021
Re: Prison Bed Impact Assessment, **HB 2361 – Authorizing the supreme court to adopt rules establishing specialty courts, creating the specialty court funding advisory committee and the specialty court resources fund**

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- This bill **may** impact prison admissions and prison beds, but it cannot be determined at this time.
- This bill will have **no** impact on the workload of the Commission.

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

- **New Section 1.** This bill provides for the supreme court to adopt and establish funding for specialty courts used to sentence offenders.
- **Section 3.** K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6614 is amended to allow for the process of the expungement of convictions and related arrest records for those successfully completing the requirements of a specialty court program.

FINDINGS

- This bill does not directly alter criminal penalties or severity levels of specific crimes. While specialty courts would have the ability to alter sentences due to good behavior and following court requirements, it cannot be determined which offenders will qualify for specific specialty courts.

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