

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 204

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 204 would create a provision within the Kansas Criminal Code to prohibit a court from requiring or ordering a victim of a crime to submit to or undergo a psychiatric or psychological examination in the prosecution for such crime.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (KCDAA).

[*Note:* SB 204 contains similar provisions to 2020 SB 355, as amended by the Senate Committee on Judiciary].

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 17, 2021, a representative of the KCDAA testified as a **proponent** of the bill. Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by the Kansas Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers. No other 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>

On February 17, 2021, the Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Criminal procedure; crimes; punishment; psychiatric or psychological examination; victim