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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 16, 2023

Subject: Bill Brief on Sub HB 2121

Substitute for House Bill 2121 extends the suspension of statutory speedy trial time limitations and provides that time during the COVID-19 public health emergency shall not be assessed against the state.

The substitute bill amends K.S.A. 22-3402, the statute providing criminal defendants a right to speedy trial in addition to the constitutional right. Current law in subsection (j) provides that the provisions of this section shall be suspended until May 1, 2023, in all criminal cases. The bill extends this suspension until March 1, 2024. The bill also provides in new subsection (m) that no time between March 19, 2020, and March 1, 2024, shall be assessed against the state for any reason. Any person arraigned before March 1, 2024, shall be deemed to have been arraigned on March 1, 2024, for the application of the time limitations provided in subsection (a), (b) or (c).