

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2490

As Recommended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2490 would limit incremental extensions to juvenile case length limits under certain circumstances to not more than 90 days.

Continuing law allows for the court to extend a juvenile's case length incrementally when:

- Such juvenile needs additional time to complete an evidence-based program as determined by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment; and
- Failure to complete such program is due to the repeated, intentional effort to delay by the juvenile as reported by the evidence-based services provider.

The bill would clarify that each extension granted for the above criteria may not exceed 90 days in length.

Background

The bill was introduced by the J. Russell (Russ) Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight.

*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>

[*Note:* The Joint Committee met in October 2023 and recommended the introduction of this legislation in its report to the 2024 Legislature.]

House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In the House Committee hearing, written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Court Services Officers.

A representative of Kansas Appleseed provided neutral testimony stating the spirit of the bill, to ensure there are “legal guardrails” in place to prevent indefinite sentences, is appreciated, but 90 days is too long.

A private citizen presented **opponent** testimony on the bill stating extending case length limits exacerbate the problem of juveniles receiving drug convictions..

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Judicial Branch, Board of Indigents Defense Services, Department of Corrections, Sentencing Commission, and the Attorney General indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Juvenile offender; case length limit; extension