

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2527

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2527 would amend law regarding court services officers (CSOs).

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to prohibit a court from placing a person found guilty by reason of mental disease or defect under the supervision of a CSO.

The bill would amend the Revised Code for Care of Children to remove CSOs from the list of persons and entities to whom a law enforcement officer may deliver a child under the age of 18 years when such child is taken into custody by such officer.

The bill also would make technical amendments to standardize statutory references.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Judicial Branch.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on January 25, 2022, a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) testified as a **proponent** of the bill, stating it contained

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recommendations made by a workgroup established by the Kansas Supreme Court to review CSO workloads.

A representative of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office provided neutral written-only testimony. No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, OJA states enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations by requiring less supervision by CSOs and decreasing supervision fee revenue, but a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Court services officers; persons found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect; children in need of care