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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2055

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2055 would amend the statute governing the determination of an offender's criminal history to establish a procedure for classifying out-of-state misdemeanor convictions. The comparable Kansas offense would be used to classify the out-of-state conviction as a class A, B, or C misdemeanor. If the comparable Kansas offense is a felony, the conviction would be classified as a class A misdemeanor. If there is no comparable Kansas offense, the conviction would not be included in the criminal history.

The bill also makes technical amendments to statutory references.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of the Kansas Sentencing Commission. In the House Committee, the Executive Director of the Sentencing Commission testified in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to replace a provision counting an out-of-state misdemeanor without a comparable Kansas offense as a class C misdemeanor with a provision excluding such offenses from the criminal history calculation.

*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>

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates it would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch and no effect on prison bed space.