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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2031

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2031 would amend KSA 22-3001, concerning grand juries, by allowing the Attorney General in any judicial district or the district or county attorney in such attorney's county to petition the chief judge of the district court to order a grand jury be summoned to investigate alleged violations of an off-grid felony, a severity level 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 felony or a drug severity level 1 or 2 felony. The bill would require the chief judge to consider the petition and, if found to be in proper form, order a grand jury be summoned.

Background

In the House Committee on Judiciary, Representative Greg Smith, his wife, Missey Smith, and a representative of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families appeared in support of HB 2031. No opponents offered testimony. The Committee made a technical amendment to the bill.

The fiscal note for HB 2031 indicates that passage would result in an increased use in grand juries, but not knowing how often a grand jury would be summoned, no precise fiscal effect to the Judicial Branch was given at the time of its publication.

*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>