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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2151**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2151 would amend the law concerning grand juries summoned by petition, commonly referred to as citizens grand juries. The bill would allow the person who filed the petition and that person's attorney to witness the instructions given to the grand jury, after it is summoned but prior to beginning deliberations, regarding its conduct and deliberations.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

HB 2151, as introduced, would have added new sections to the law concerning workplace bullying in State agencies. After a hearing on the original bill, the House Judiciary Committee agreed to strike the contents and replace them with the contents of 2015 HB 2221, in a substitute bill.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Sub. for HB 2151, representatives of American Family Action of Kansas and Missouri and Kansans for Life appeared in support of the bill. A representative of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association offered written testimony opposing the bill. No neutral testimony was provided.

*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 Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Senate Committee of the Whole updated references to the 2014 supplement to read KSA 2015 Supp. 22-3301.

HB 2221

In the House Judiciary Committee, a representative of the American Family Association appeared in support of the bill. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on the revenues or expenditures of the Judicial Branch.