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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 128

As Amended by Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

SB 128, as amended, would add exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act for records of a public agency on a public website which are searchable by a keyword search and identify the home address or home ownership of a municipal judge, city attorney, assistant city attorney, special assistant city attorney, special assistant United States attorney, special assistant attorney general, special assistant county attorney, or special assistant district attorney.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Senator Smith. In the Senate Committee, a representative of the City of Overland Park and an Overland Park municipal judge testified in favor of the bill. The League of Kansas Municipalities submitted written testimony supporting the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add special assistant city attorneys, special assistant United States attorneys, special assistant attorneys general, special assistant county attorneys, and special assistant district attorneys to the records exception.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect

^{*}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

on the judiciary, but local governments may incur some expense in restricting information from public access on public websites. A precise fiscal effect cannot be determined.