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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** John Kirk, Division of the Budget **From:** Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director

**Date:** January 29, 2021

Re: Prison Bed Impact Assessment, HB - 2120 - Removing the spousal exception

from the crime of sexual battery.

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# **IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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- Impact on the Commission Workload: This bill may impact the workload of the Kansas Sentencing Commission, but it cannot be determined at this time.

#### SUMMARY OF THE BILL

This bill removes the spousal exception from the crime of sexual battery under K.S.A. 21-5505.

### **FINDINGS**

- In FY 2019, 30 offenders were convicted of sexual battery under K.S.A. 21-5505.
  - o 26 convictions were severity level 5 person felonies
    - 13 (50%) were sentenced to prison
    - 13 (50%) were sentenced to probation
  - o 4 conviction were severity level 7 person felonies (convictions for attempt)
    - 1 (25%) was sentenced to prison
    - 3 (75%) were sentenced to probation
  - o The KSSC does not track the relationship of the victim to the offender.

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