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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 209**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

Sub. for SB 209 amends Kansas criminal law regarding authorized dispositions of persons convicted of the crimes of arson and aggravated arson to require a judge order a defendant to pay for the expenses incurred by a fire district, fire department, or fire company in responding to such a fire. The bill also amends a number of statutes dealing with various types of fire districts to authorize the districts to seek reimbursement of expenses incurred for fighting arson fires.

Background

The bill was supported by Senator Schmidt and a representative of the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office. Proponents said the bill may provide some degree of financial reimbursement for fire departments fighting arson fires.

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.

*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/kldr>