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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 436

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 436 would amend the statute of limitations dealing with bringing lawsuits involving childhood sexual abuse. The bill extends the period from three to five years the time a person who reaches 18 years of age or the date from which the person discovers or reasonably should have discovered the injury or illness which was caused by childhood sexual abuse.

The Committee amendment reduced the time from 30 to five years. Current law contains a three year time frame.

Background

The bill was supported by the Outreach Ministry to Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse of the First United Methodist Church. The bill was approved by the Kansas Catholic Conference and the Archdiocese of Kansas City/Kansas, as unneeded due to the extended period of time a victim of childhood sexual abuse now has for bringing a lawsuit.

*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>