

SESSION OF 2006

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2529**

As Agreed to May 25, 2006

**Brief\***

HB 2529 would have established the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act; created the new crimes of recruiting criminal street gang membership as a level 6 person felony and criminal street gang intimidation as a level 5 person felony; and established a \$50,000 minimum bail for street gang members arrested for either of the new crimes. The bill would have made clarifying amendments to the criminal nuisance statutes.

The bill also would have amended the Kansas sentencing guidelines law dealing with upward departures to add a new aggravating factor when the crime involved two or more offenders and the defendant played a major role in the crime as an organizer, leader, recruiter, manager, or supervisor.

**Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee agreed to do the following:

- Delete the contents of the bill, as amended by the Senate.
- Insert provisions regarding docket fees to reconcile docket fee provisions contained in 2006 HB 2122 and SB 337, both of which have passed.
- Provide a technical change regarding the Peace Officers standards and training.

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## **Background**

HB 2529, as introduced, would have simplified the process whereby a grand jury is summoned upon submission of a petition of qualified electors. The bill would have eliminated the requirement that each petition signer personally add the precinct and ward or township in which the signer is registered to vote.

The Senate Committee on Education amended the provisions of SB 458 and SB 366, as recommended by the Senate, into this bill.

The Conference Committee deleted the contents of the bill and inserted provisions relating to 2006 HB 2122 and SB 337. Both bills raise docket fees to generate additional revenues for the State General Fund and various other funds. However, the docket fee increases are different in each bill. The Conference Committee action would combine the docket fee increases contained in the two bills.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, failure to reconcile the two bills would result in a reduction of revenues to a number of funds, totaling \$1.1 million. The reductions would affect several state agencies, including the Attorney General (\$43,018 reduction), the Juvenile Justice Authority (\$43,660), and the Judicial Branch (\$272,188). There also would be a reduction in revenues to the State General Fund of \$619,750.

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