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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2761

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2761 would make technical corrections and amend existing law concerning compensation for the victims of crimes. Current law restricts compensation from being awarded unless the claim for compensation has been filed within two years of the injury or death upon which it is based. The only exception to this restriction is whether the crime is violent, committed outside of the United States against a Kansas resident, causes death and was committed after January 1, 2001, and the claim was made within 30 days of the effective date of the existing law. The bill would removed that exception.

The bill would also add a provision that would allow compensation otherwise payable to a claimant to be reduced or denied if the victim was likely engaging in or attempting to engage in an illegal act at the time the crime for which the claim is being made occurred. The new provisions shall not be construed to reduce or deny compensation to a victim of domestic abuse or sexual assault.

Background

Rita Noll, of the Crime Victims Compensation Board, appeared in support of the bill. Carol Luttjohann, citizen, testified to advocate for expansion on compensation to include those who had a significant relationship with someone who commits suicide.

The Senate Committee added the clarification dealing with domestic abuse or sexual abuse.

The fiscal note indicates 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>