#### SESSION OF 2024

#### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2491

### As Recommended by House Committee on Appropriations

#### Brief\*

HB 2491 would shift deposits of fees previously credited to the Law Enforcement Training Center Fund (Fund) to the State General Fund (SGF). Currently, the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) receives revenue from a surcharge on vehicle registration, municipal court filing fees, and docket fees. The bill would remove references to the Fund and direct the State Treasurer to make these deposits to the SGF rather than the Fund.

# Abolishment of Law Enforcement Training Center Fund

The bill would require the Director of Accounts and Reports to transfer all moneys in the Fund, and associated liabilities, to the SGF by July 1, 2024, and subsequently abolish the Fund.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the J. Russell (Russ) Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight.

# House Committee on Appropriations

In the House Committee hearing, a representative from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department provided

<sup>\*</sup>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

proponent testimony on the bill, stating the KLETC provides training for law enforcement recruits and noted that use of SGF moneys would be more adequate than fee funding. A representative from KLETC provided proponent testimony addressing fee adjustments, expenditures, and revenue. Conferees stated the KLETC has a broad reach to all law enforcement agencies in Kansas.

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the University of Kansas estimates it will receive \$7.5 million and expend approximately \$10.2 million from its Fund. The agency does plan to fill 9.0 vacant positions in FY 2025, which will increase its expenditures to \$12.0 million, and FY 2026 expenditures are estimated at \$12.4 million. Because the bill would abolish the Fund and transfer any remaining funds to the SGF at the beginning of FY 2025, the agency would not have a revenue source to pay for its expenditures for the KLETC. The fiscal note indicates that unless another funding source is identified, the KLETC would be abolished. In addition, because KLETC facilities are used by the Center for Public Safety Leadership to offer courses, the organization would have to find an alternative location to hold its courses.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in the FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report.

Law enforcement; training center; fee fund