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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 19, 2024

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2370

HB 2370 defines consent in the Kansas criminal code for sex offenses.

The bill amends K.S.A. 21-5501, the definitions in the sex offense article in the Kansas criminal code. A definition of “consent” is added to provide that “consent” means words or overt actions by an individual indicating a freely given present agreement to engage in a specific sexual activity and may be revoked at any time. Consent to a specific sexual activity does not constitute consent to a sexual activity that occurs after withdrawal of consent during the course of such sexual activity. Consent does not include (1) the lack of verbal or physical resistance by the victim resulting from the use or threat of force, (2) submission by the victim, or (3) the manner of dress of the victim at the time of the offense.