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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2759

As Recommended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2759 establishes a crime prevention program, subject to appropriations, to target areas in the state with the highest incidence of crime. The program would be required to bring together a number of adult and juvenile justice agencies as well as law enforcement agencies from the local, state, and federal levels. To become eligible to participate in this new program, neighborhoods would be required to develop crime control and prevention strategies. The bill provides that the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council would approve grant applications. The legislation is referred to as the HOT SPOTS initiative.

Background

Representative Annie Kuether appeared in favor of the bill. Others who expressed support for the measure included representatives from the Topeka Police Department, Safe Streets, the Wichita Police Department, and the Wichita City Council.

The fiscal note states that the Federal Grants Program of the Governor's Office currently staffs the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The Governor's Office indicates that it would require an additional FTE position to assist with the program. The duties of this new position would include assisting communities and providing ongoing grant oversight for the program. The cost of the position is estimated at \$60,000, which includes \$50,000 for salaries and wages along with \$10,000 for operating expenditures.

*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>