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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 55**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 55 would authorize the Secretary of Corrections to disburse a reasonable amount of money, earned by an inmate who is allowed to participate in paid employment or job training while incarcerated, to the clerk of the district court for payment of all costs, fines, fees and restitution assessed in the inmate's criminal case. The order of priority for such payments would be restitution, costs, fines and fees.

**Background**

Current law authorizes the Secretary of Corrections to disburse a reasonable amount of money, earned by an inmate who is allowed to participate in paid employment or job training, to the clerk of the district court for payment of restitution assessed in the inmate's criminal case. The bill expands the list from just restitution to all costs, fines, fees and restitution.

The proponent of the bill included Ellen House, Court Administrator of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and representative of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget states, according to the Department of Corrections, that the passage of this bill would have a negligible fiscal effect.

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\*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>

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The House Committee inserted language regarding the  
priority of payments.