

SESSION OF 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 184**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 184, as amended, would require the Office of the Attorney General pay for costs incurred in determining whether a person is a sexually violent predator.

**Background**

The proponents of the bill included Senator Roger Reitz, sponsor of the bill; Randall Allen, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Counties; and Michael Kearns, Chair of the Riley County Commissioners. The proponents testified that the costs related to the determination of whether a person may be a sexually violent predator is borne by the individual counties where the proceeding is filed even though the counties have no role in initiating the procedure. The proponents requested that the burden be shifted to the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).

The opponents of the bill as introduced included Linden Appel, Chief Legal Counsel of the KDOC. Mr. Appel testified the opposition by the KDOC is with the provision in the bill that shifts the costs related to the determination of whether a person may be a sexually violent predator to the KDOC.

The Committee amended the bill to make the Office of the Attorney General, rather than the KDOC, responsible for the costs related to the determination of whether a person may be a sexually violent predator.

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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>

The fiscal note on the original bill from the Division of Budget states that passage of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the agency's budget. The annual cost estimate from 1994 for the proceedings to determine whether a person is a sexually violent predator was \$325,000. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of this bill would be in addition to the amounts included in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.