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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 410

As Amended by House
Select Committee on Corrections Reform and Oversight

Brief*

SB 410, as amended, would clarify existing statutory language dealing with the four current juvenile correctional facilities. In addition, the bill would allow the appointment of a superintendent and deputy superintendents and eliminate the attorney position at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex.

The bill would eliminate references to the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility (TJCF). All references to the TJCF in contracts and documents would be attributed to the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. The bill would allow the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice to appoint a superintendent and a deputy superintendent for each institution and permit a person to serve as a superintendent at more than one institution. Further, the bill would authorize the appointment of an acting superintendent in the case of a vacancy. The bill would eliminate the statutory authority to appoint an attorney employed by the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. The bill would repeal the statute that finds any individual convicted of assisting or harboring an escaped juvenile from a juvenile correctional facility guilty of a misdemeanor.

Finally, the bill would clarify that any reference to the commissioner in the code would mean the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice or the Commissioner's designee.

The bill would be effective upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

*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>

Background

Heather Morgan of the Juvenile Justice Authority testified in favor of the bill in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. No opponents testified on the bill.

J. Russell Jennings, Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority, testified in favor of the bill in the House Select Committee on Corrections Reform and Oversight. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The House Select Committee amended the bill to clarify that any reference to “commissioner” in the code would mean the Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority or the Commissioner’s designee.

In the fiscal note, the Juvenile Justice Authority indicates that the enactment of SB 410, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.