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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 430

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 430 would make the crime of aggravated criminal threat a severity level 5, person felony, regardless of economic loss.

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

Background

Aggravated criminal threat is a criminal threat which causes the evacuation of a public, commercial or industrial building, place of assembly, or a facility of transportation. Under current law, the crime of aggravated criminal threat is a severity level 4, 5, or 6 person felony, depending on the economic loss.

The proponent of the bill is Senator Terry Bruce. Senator Bruce testified that a number of bomb threats to local businesses in Hutchinson caused him to review whether the economic loss element of the crime of aggravated criminal threat is essential.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states that this bill would result in no additional prison beds needed by the end of FY 2009 and one additional prison bed needed by the end of

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FY 2018. This change would reflect the increase in projected prison admissions by an annual average of 0.75 percent. This increase is consistent with current prison population projections of the Kansas Sentencing Commission; therefore, the passage of SB 430 would have no fiscal effect on state agency budgets.

The House Committee amended the bill by inserting the effective date of publication in the *Kansas Register*.