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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 477

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 477, as amended, would amend current law to add electronic solicitation to the list of sexually violent crimes requiring registration pursuant to the Kansas Offender Registration Act. Only those offenders convicted of electronic solicitation on or after the effective date of the bill would be required to register.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Another provision is technically clarifying the title of the bill.

Background

The proponents of the bill included Justin Edwards, on behalf of the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office and the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association; and Ed Klumpp, Legislative Committee Chairman of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary amended the bill to clarify the bill only would require those offenders convicted of electronic solicitation after the effective date of the bill to 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>

The House Committee inserted the technical provision in the title of the bill.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates that the passage of the bill would result in additional prison admissions and the need for additional prison beds; however, the increase in admissions and prison beds would not be immediate. The Commission states that in FY 2007, there were five convictions for electronic solicitation with four individuals sentenced to prison and one sentenced to probation. The Commission indicates that the bill would have a negligible effect on the number of journal entries processed by the agency.