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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 581

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 581 would amend the definition of a juvenile offender to specify that a person 14 or more years of age who purchases, attempts to purchase, possesses, or consumes alcohol or beer is not a juvenile offender.

Background

Currently, Kansas Juvenile Courts have jurisdiction over juveniles who commit the criminal violation of possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor.

The proponents of the bill were Senator Phillip Journey and Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. Senator Journey testified that prior to the recodification of the Juvenile Justice Code, the jurisdiction for the crime of minor in consumption was with the Municipal and District Courts. The recodification of the Juvenile Justice Code changed the jurisdiction to the Juvenile Courts.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill at the Committee hearing.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget states the passage of this bill would have no fiscal effect on the operations of the Juvenile Justice Authority.

*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>