

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2845**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2845, as amended, would amend the crime of aiding escape. Aiding escape by an employee, volunteer of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), or employee or volunteer of a contractor of KDOC would be punishable as a severity level 4, nonperson felony.

**Background**

Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Department of Corrections, expressed support in the House Committee for the bill, as introduced. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Department of Corrections, expressed support in the Senate Committee for the bill as introduced and passed by the House Committee of the Whole. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill by deleting the provisions that would have amended the theft statute and the statute on *prima facie* evidence of intent to permanently deprive the owner or lessor of the possession, use or benefit of his or her property.

The fiscal note indicates that if the bill does not contribute to the need for capacity expansion, additional annual costs of approximately \$2,400 per inmate for basic support, including food service, would be needed. Additional expenditures for health care also could be incurred, if the increase in the inmate

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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>

population required adjustments in the medical contract. The health care contract provides that whenever the inmate count at a facility changes by more than a specified percentage, an adjustment in contract payments is made. The amount of any adjustment would depend on the specific facility involved. Any fiscal effect resulting from this bill has not been included in the Governor's budget.