

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 14

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 14, as amended, would create the Kansas Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision to oversee and administer the state's participation in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, and to develop policies concerning the operations and procedures of the Compact within the state. The Council would consist of seven members with the term as follows:

- The Interstate Compact for Juveniles Compact Administrator or the designee who serves for a term of two years;
- The Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court or the designee who serves for a term of four years;
- The Attorney General or the designee who serves for a term of four years;
- An advocate of crime victims groups appointed by the Attorney General who serves for a term of four years;
- The Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) or the designee who serves for a term of two years;
- A member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate for a term of two years; and
- A member of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House for a term of two years.

*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 appointments to the Council would be required to be made within 30 days after the effective date of the bill. The members would be required to elect a chairperson and may elect any additional officers from its membership it deems necessary to discharge the duties of the Council. Additionally, Council members would be entitled to receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and other expenses authorized by law for a member of a board.

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

Background

Thirty-five states, including Kansas, have adopted the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The Interstate Compact for Juveniles significantly updates the 50-year-old compact previously used for tracking and supervising juveniles that move across state borders. The new compact seeks to update a tool for ensuring public safety and preserving child welfare by providing enhanced accountability, enforcement, visibility, and communication between the states.

The proponent of the bill is J. Russell Jennings, Commissioner, JJA.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary amended the bill to:

- Delete the language in the original bill which would have authorized one member of the Legislature be appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council to be a member of the Kansas Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. The language was replaced with language which authorizes the one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and one member of the

House, appointed by the Speaker of the House be a member of the Council; and

- Delete the language limiting the term to four years of the members of the Council appointed by the Governor.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of the bill would have a fiscal effect of an estimated \$20,000 because of membership fees, expenses for attendance by the Compact Administrator at national meetings, expenses for *per diem* and travel for the Council members, and training of community level agencies and staff. Commissioner Jennings testified that the additional \$20,000 could be absorbed by JJA within its current budget or possibly paid for with grant funding.