

SESSION OF 2010

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2668**

As Agreed to March 26, 2010

Brief*

HB 2668 would recodify the Kansas Criminal Code in order to do the following:

- Revise the statutory language to add clarity;
- Reorganize the statutes to place them in a more user-friendly order;
- Reorder statutes to reduce their number; and
- Repeal statutory language no longer in use.

Conference Committee Action

The 2010 Conference Committee agreed to the changes made by both houses and made further technical amendments to HB 2668 by correcting cross-references throughout the bill.

Background

The Kansas Criminal Code Recodification Commission was created in 2007 to recodify the Kansas Criminal Code. The Kansas Criminal Code Recodification Commission submitted interim reports to the 2008 and 2009 Legislatures and a final report to the 2010 Legislature. 2010 HB 2668 is a product of the recommendations made by the Commission. Appearing in

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support of the bill in the House Committee were the Chairman, Co-chairman, and Reporter of the Commission. There were no opponents who testified in the House Committee.

The House Committee of the Whole amendments were technical in nature.

Appearing in support of the bill in the Senate Committee were the Chairman, Co-chairman, and Reporter of the Commission. There were no opponents who testified in the Senate Committee.

The Senate Committee made technical amendments to the bill, at the request of the Revisor assigned to the Senate Committee, to add a citation to a provision in the bill and to remove the provisions related to a smoking ban as those provisions would cause a conflict with the smoking ban provisions enacted in 2010 HB 2221.

The fiscal note indicates that according to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, passage of HB 2668 would have no effect on prison admissions or beds. Also, the Office of Judicial Administration states the bill would have no fiscal effect on court system operations.

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