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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 265

Senate Bill 265 increases the criminal penalties for repeat violations of a protective order.

The bill amends K.S.A. 21-5924, the statute in the Kansas criminal code that defines the crime of violation of a protective order. Current law provides that the crime is a class A person misdemeanor generally, and a severity level 6, person felony when the protective order violated is an extended protective order described in the protection from abuse act or the protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act. The bill increases the general penalty to a severity level 7, person felony upon a second or subsequent conviction, and a severity level 4, person felony upon a second or subsequent conviction for violation of an extended protective order.