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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 17, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2404 (As Introduced)

House Bill 2404 prohibits certain sex offenders from entering onto school property or attending school activities and provides criminal penalties for violations.

Section 1 would create a new section of law to provide that it is unlawful for any sex offender who is 18 years of age or older and whose underlying crime for which the offender is required to register was a crime against a victim who was less than 18 years to enter onto school property or attend a school activity. On a first conviction, violation of this section would be a severity level 6, person felony, on a second conviction, a severity level 5, person felony, and on a third or subsequent conviction, a severity level 3, person felony.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 22-4901, the citation of the Kansas offender registration act statute, to include new section 1 in the act. Section 3 amends K.S.A. 22-4902, the statute that provides definitions for the Kansas offender registration act, to include definitions of "school activity" and "school property". "School activity" means an activity sponsored by a unified school district or an accredited nonpublic school at which students in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 or children under the age of eligibility to attend kindergarten who attend a preschool program are the primary intended participants or the primary intended audience. "School property" means property upon which is located a structure used by a unified school district or an accredited nonpublic school for instruction, attendance or extracurricular activities for students enrolled in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 or for children under the age of eligibility to attend kindergarten who attend a preschool program.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.