

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Local Government, Transparency and Ethics** recommends **HB 2160**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 30, after "information" by inserting "or due to a corrupt motive rather than a good faith concern for a wrongful activity"; in line 35, after "(e)" by inserting "(1)"; following line 41, by inserting:

"(2) In any municipality that creates an administrative process to adjudicate disciplinary actions against employees of the municipality, any officer or employee of the municipality who is eligible to appeal disciplinary actions to such adjudicative body may appeal to such body whenever such officer or employee alleges that disciplinary action was taken against such officer or employee in violation of this act. The appeal shall be filed within 90 days after the alleged disciplinary action. If such body finds that the disciplinary action taken was unreasonable, such body shall modify or reverse the auditing agency's action and order such relief for the employee as such body considers appropriate. Any party may appeal a decision of such governing body under the Kansas judicial review act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto.";

On page 3, following line 1, by inserting:

"(g) Nothing in this act shall be construed to negate or supersede any provision of law providing protection against liability to a legislator for any act or failure to act, impose any liability against a legislator for any act or failure to act or create a duty upon a legislator to take any action based on any information that may be shared with a legislator by a municipal employee or any other person.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "conduct" by inserting "; providing an administrative

appeal process for municipalities"; and the bill be passed as amended.

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