

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2155

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2155, as amended, would specify that sheriffs have liability for official acts of the sheriff and sheriff's sureties related to the charge and custody of county jails. The bill also makes technical changes to update outdated language.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Kansas Sheriffs Association.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and Kansas Sheriffs Association. The proponent generally stated the bill would align the statute with other similar statutes and Kansas case law.

No other testimony was provided.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing, the representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and Kansas Sheriffs Association provided **proponent** testimony that was substantially similar to the testimony provided in the House Committee hearing.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment to make the bill effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Judicial Branch indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on county governments.

Sheriffs; jails; liability; official act