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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2614**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2614 would make certain exceptions to the general rule of confidentiality for all records and information given to the Crime Victims Compensation Board (Board) and Crime Victims Compensation Division (Division) in the Office of the Attorney General.

Generally, all records and information given to the Board and the Division to process a claim on behalf of a crime victim are confidential and may not be obtainable by any party to any action, civil or criminal, through any discovery process except in certain circumstances as provided by continuing law.

The bill would add an exception to the confidentiality requirement upon a finding that the records and information given to the Board were not previously available to an agency investigating or prosecuting child abuse or neglect. Upon such a finding, the Board or the Board's designee could disclose such records and information necessary to assist in such investigation or prosecution to:

- Any law enforcement agency or political subdivision of the state;
- Any county or district attorney in the state; and
- The Kansas Department for Children and Families.

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\*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/>

The bill would also add an exception to the confidentiality requirement upon a finding that the records and information given to the Board are wholly or partially false or fraudulent. Upon such a finding, the Board or the Board's designee could disclose such records and information to any law enforcement agency or political subdivision of the state responsible for investigating or prosecuting such false or fraudulent records and information.

The bill would also make technical changes.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Office of the Attorney General.

### ***House Committee on Judiciary***

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of the Board and the Office of the Attorney General provided **proponent** testimony on the bill, stating the confidentiality exceptions provided in the bill will enhance the ability of law enforcement to investigate suspected child abuse or neglect and fraud committed against the Crime Victims Compensation Program.

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department for Children and Families, the Office of Judicial Administration, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Kansas Highway Patrol all state that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that confidentiality procedural changes would affect court costs for certain county cases, as there would be documentation and verification costs associated, which could increase expenditures. However, the Association states that the associated cost would be negligible.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that enactment of the bill would require law enforcement officers to develop and implement new procedures related to crime victims' confidential records. These added duties would require additional time and training, thus increasing expenditures. However, the League cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Crime Victims Compensation Board; confidentiality; records; exceptions