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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2614

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2614, as amended, 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.

*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 exceptions created by the bill would expire on July 1, 2031, unless the Legislature reviews and reenacts such provisions pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA).

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.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to specify the bill's confidentiality exceptions would expire on July 1, 2031, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature pursuant to KORA.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, 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.

Crime Victims Compensation Board; confidentiality; records; exceptions