

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2655

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2655, as amended, would authorize the chief judge of a municipal court to establish a specialty court program and authorize persons who have completed requirements of a specialty court program, or treatment court, to petition the municipal court for the expungement of the conviction and related arrest records and file a poverty affidavit in lieu of paying the filing fee with such petition.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Representative Lewis.

House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In the House Committee hearing, a municipal court judge and a private citizen provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents generally stated the level of rigor found in a municipal treatment court is comparable to a district court; however, current law requires person who complete the program to follow standard expungement guidelines after

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completion of the program, and the bill would bring municipal court practice on level with district court practice.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee made a technical amendment to the bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing resources.

Specialty court; municipal court; expungement