

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 135**

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 135, as amended, would make technical amendments to law concerning orders issued under the Protection from Abuse Act (PFAA) by reorganizing certain sections to clarify how a protection order may be affected when a child-related order is issued pursuant to another legal action.

The bill would replace language referencing orders issued pursuant to various specified chapters and articles of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* with “order issued in any action.” [Note: The bill would not make any substantive change to the order of precedence currently applied by Kansas courts.]

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV).

***Senate Committee on Judiciary***

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas Judicial Council and KCSDV provided **proponent** testimony, stating the current provision setting out the precedence of orders in the PFAA is confusing and hard to read for attorneys, judges, and practitioners. The proponents

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also stated that by changing the language to “any action” the bill would allow courts to consider existing protection orders when making guardianship decisions.

No other testimony was provided.

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

In the House Committee hearing, the representatives of the Kansas Judicial Council and KCSDV provided **proponent** testimony that was substantially similar to the testimony provided in the Senate Committee.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee adopted a technical amendment to ensure consistency in statutory numbering.

### **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 would have a minimal fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Protection from Abuse Act; protection orders; child-related orders