

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 358

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 358 would require individuals convicted of certain felonies to be held without bond in the county jail until sentencing.

The bill would provide that a person who has been convicted of an off-grid felony, a severity level 1, 2, 3, or 4 nondrug felony, or a severity level 1 or 2 drug felony, must remain in the county jail until sentencing.

If such a person was released on bond prior to trial, bond would be revoked immediately and the person would be remanded and held without bond in the county jail until sentencing.

If such person was in custody without having posted bond prior to trial, that person's bond would be modified immediately so that the person is held without bond and would remain in the county jail until sentencing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator Argabright on behalf of Senator Titus.

*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, Representative Carlin; the Riley County Attorney; a representative of Crisis Center, Inc.; and seven private citizens who self-identified as sexual assault survivors provided **proponent** testimony. Proponents stated enactment of the bill would increase safety, reduce anxiety, and protect victims from being re-traumatized by seeing their attacker go free.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by eight private citizens.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a private citizen, who expressed concern that the bill would remove a judge's discretion to consider an individual's circumstances when making decisions about bond.

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 Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could increase expenditures for counties but a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Judiciary; crimes and punishment; criminal procedure; jail; sentencing; bond