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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2427

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2427 would create exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act for records of a public agency on a public website that identify the home address or home ownership of:

- Law enforcement officers;
- Parole officers;
- Court services officers:
- Community correctional services officers;
- Federal judges;
- Justices of the Supreme Court;
- Court of Appeals judges;
- District judges and district magistrate judges;
- U.S. attorney for the District of Kansas and assistant U.S. attorneys;
- The Attorney General and assistant attorneys general; and
- A district attorney or county attorney, or an assistant district attorney or assistant county attorney.

Further, any such person or person's employer would file a request with the record custodian to have the information removed from the website. Within seven days of receiving such a request, the public agency would be required to remove the information.

^{*}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 http://www.kslegislature.org

Background

HB 2427 would have created crimes concerning the sale of firearms and ammunition. The House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice adopted the substitute bill, and at the hearing on the substitute, Representative Pat Colloton and representatives of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation appeared as proponents. No opponents offered testimony.

In the Senate Committee on Judiciary, representatives of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Fraternal Order of Police offered testimony in support of the bill.

The Committee amended the bill by removing the requirement that the website be searchable and adding similar provisions to exempt from disclosure the home address or home ownership of a federal judge, a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a district judge, a district magistrate judge, the U.S. attorney for the District of Kansas, an assistant U.S. attorney, the Attorney General, an assistant attorney general, a district attorney or county attorney, or an assistant district attorney or assistant county attorney.

The fiscal note for HB 2427, as introduced, does not account for the changes in the substitute bill.