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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2018

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

Senate Sub. for HB 2018 would add several additional drugs or drug classes to the schedules of controlled substances and make other technical changes to the statute. Specifically, the bill would add an opiate drug, a hallucinogenic compound, and a type of carboximade compound to schedule I; remove the word "synthetic" to clarify the dronabinol listing in schedule III; and add eluxadoline to schedule IV. The bill also would clarify the spelling of psilocyn throughout the statutes.

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 Gonzalez. As introduced, amended by the House Committee, and passed by the House of Representatives, the bill would have created the new crimes of unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child, aggravated unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child, and unlawful possession of a visual depiction of a child.

The Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice recommended a substitute bill removing the contents

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of HB 2018, as passed by the House of Representatives, and replacing them with the contents of SB 483, adding and amending substances in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Further background for SB 483 is provided below.

Background of SB 483

SB 483 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. In the hearing before the Senate Committee on Corrections, representatives of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas Board of Pharmacy testified in support of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association submitted written testimony supporting the bill. A citizen testified in opposition to the bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board of Pharmacy indicates SB 483 would have no effect on its operation, but could have an effect on other state agencies and local units of government because making more drugs illegal has the potential to result in more arrests. The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates any increase in prison beds, prison admissions, and journal entries cannot be determined at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.