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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2033

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2033 would amend law relating to claims for compensation through the Crime Victims Compensation Board (Board). The bill would allow a claimant, or victim on whose behalf the claim is made, to be compensated for mental health counseling through the Board when a claim is filed within two years of notification to the claimant that DNA testing has revealed a suspected offender or when a claim is filed within two years of notification to the claimant the identification of a suspected offender.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Attorney General. At the hearing before the Committee, representatives of the Office of the Attorney General and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation provided testimony in support of the bill. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. No other testimony was presented.

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget, the Office of the Attorney General (Office) indicates the bill would result in additional claims being paid by the Board but it could not estimate the precise fiscal effect; however, the Office states federal grants would help fund any additional claims. Under current law, the Office anticipates it will pay approximately \$4.0 million in compensation claims in FY 2018. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

*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>