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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2480

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2480 would amend the definition of “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act to replace a list of persons with various relationships to the victim (e.g., current or former spouse) who may commit the crime with the phrase “against a person with whom the offender is involved or has been involved in a ‘dating relationship’ or is a ‘family or household member’ as defined in [the domestic battery criminal statute] at the time of the offense.”

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Whitmer. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training testified in support of the bill, stating it would make the definition of “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act consistent with that in other state statutes. A representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence submitted written proponent testimony. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>