

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 331

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 331, as amended, would amend a Kansas Open Records Act provision requiring public agencies to restrict certain persons' identifying information from public access on a public website that is searchable by a keyword search and identifies the home address or home ownership of such persons, upon request by such persons. Specifically, the bill would add Kansas Department of Corrections employees, local correctional officers, local detention officers, Judicial Branch employees, and municipal court employees to the list of persons whose identifying information may be so restricted.

The bill also would make technical changes to consolidate similar provisions and ensure consistency in statutory references and phrasing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association. In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Sheriffs' Association and the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) testified in support of the bill. The representative of OJA requested an amendment to also include Judicial Branch employees in the bill. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

*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>

The Senate Committee amended the bill to exempt Judicial Branch employees and municipal court employees and to restructure the section to combine the requested exemptions with exemptions in continuing law.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of Corrections and the Office of the Attorney General each indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.