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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 19, 2021  
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 220

Senate Bill 220 would increase the penalty for battery committed against a utility worker.

This bill amends K.S.A. 21-5413, to add utility workers to the crime battery against a covered employee. This designation requires a battery to be committed against the employee who is engaged in the performance of such employee's duties. The current penalty for battery is a class B misdemeanor. Subsection (f)(5)(B) would set the penalty for battery against a utility worker as a severity level 7, person felony.

Utility worker is defined as, "an employee of a Kansas registered utility company providing utility services such as electric, natural gas, broadband or cable services, water service, utility line clearance or line locate services."