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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 15, 2021  
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2001

House Bill 2001, as amended by House Committee, creates the crime of sexual extortion and requires certain offenders to register under the Kansas offender registration act.

The new crime is defined as communicating a threat to injure the property or reputation of another person, a threat to commit violence against a person, or a threat to distribute an image, video or other recording of a person of a sexual nature or in a state of nudity either (1) with the intent to coerce the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which is a severity level 7, person felony or (2) that causes the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which is a severity level 4, person felony.

The bill also provides that a person who commits the new crime where one party is less than 18 years of age is required to register as a sex offender for 15 years. The House Committee on Judiciary added an amendment that exempts juvenile offenders from the registration requirements.