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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 25, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2121

House Bill 2121, as amended by House Committee, adds a definition related to defendants who abscond from supervision in the criminal procedure code and for parole.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 22-2202 to provide that “absconds from supervision” means knowingly avoiding supervision or knowingly making the defendant’s whereabouts unknown to the defendant’s supervising court services officer or community correctional services officer.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 75-5217 to provide that, as used in the parole statute, “absconded from supervision” means knowingly avoiding supervision or knowingly making the defendant’s whereabouts unknown to the defendant’s supervising parole officer, court services officer or community correctional services officer.

The House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice changed the culpability term from “intentionally” to “knowingly” in both sections of the bill.