

SESSION OF 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 419**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 419 would create and amend provisions in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act (Act) regarding certain employees of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).

The bill would allow the Secretary of Corrections (Secretary), with the consent of the Director of Police Training of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), to designate an employee of KDOC to:

- Attend the KLETC or any training school certified under continuing law; or
- Attend courses provided by the KLETC or a certified training school.

The bill would require the KDOC and employee be provided a transcript of the courses successfully completed.

The bill would amend the definition of “police officer or law enforcement officer” in the Act by inserting a reference to special agents of the KDOC and by removing a reference to special investigators of the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) in the list of persons included in such terms. The bill would further amend that definition to remove a reference to other employees of the JJA and would specify the list of excluded persons includes any employee of the KDOC other than special agents.

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\*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>

[*Note*: Executive Reorganization Order No. 42 abolished the JJA and transferred the jurisdiction, powers, functions, and duties of the JJA and the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice to the KDOC and the Secretary, effective July 1, 2013.]

The bill would also make a technical amendment to ensure consistency in statutory phrasing.

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator Warren, on behalf of KDOC.

[*Note*: The bill is identical to 2020 HB 2695, as recommended by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, which died in the Senate Committee on Judiciary due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Session.]

## ***Senate Committee on Judiciary***

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 10, 2022, a representative of KDOC and a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents stated the bill would allow KDOC employees with law enforcement responsibilities to be trained alongside other law enforcement officers in the state. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS-CPOST), Kansas Gang Investigators Association, Kansas Internal Affairs Investigators Association, Kansas State Fraternal Order of Police, as well as representatives of six county sheriff's offices.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the KLETC estimates two additional individuals will require basic training each year as a result of enactment of the bill. The agency indicates it is at near capacity in its facilities; however, two additional trainees would not present a concern for capacity at this time. The agency also indicates that basic training costs total \$4,560 per student. Therefore, enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$9,120 in FY 2023, which could be absorbed within existing resources.

KDOC and KS-CPOST indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agencies. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Law enforcement; special agents; Kansas Department of Corrections; Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act