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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 24, 2023

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2029

HB 2029 increases the time of an initial restraining order and possible extensions issued in a protection from abuse order or a protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking order.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 60-3107, which is the procedure statute in the protection from abuse act. Current law in subsection (e) provides that the protective order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. This bill would change that initial time period to not less than two years and not more than five years. Current law also provides that upon motion of the plaintiff, that period can be extended for one additional year. This bill would allow for an extension of not less than two years and not more than five years.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 60-31a06, which is the statute that provides the contents and timeframes for orders under the protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act. Current law in subsection (c) provides that the protective order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. This bill would change that initial time period to not less than two years and not more than five years. Current law also provides that upon motion of the plaintiff, that period can be extended for one additional year. This bill would allow for an extension of not less than two years and not more than five years.