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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2057**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

**Brief\***

HB 2057 would amend KSA 22-3437 by adding the Johnson County Sheriff's Laboratory and the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center to the list of institutions whose reports and certificates concerning forensic examination are considered admissible in evidence in any hearing or trial. Current law provides that an opposing party can challenge the admissibility of such reports and certificates.

**Background**

In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, a representative of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association appeared in support of HB 2057. No opponents provided testimony. The Committee made no changes to the bill and recommended it be passed.

The fiscal note states the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state budget. It also states the bill could reduce costs in Johnson and Sedgwick counties as the scientists could submit the reports and certificates in lieu of traveling to and spending time in court, allowing them to allocate more of their time to the completion of additional examinations.

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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>