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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 281

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 281 would amend the statute establishing the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance to extend the sunset date from June 30, 2013, to January 1, 2015.

Background

SB 281 was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee at the request of the Kansas Judicial Council. As introduced, the bill would have eliminated the sunset date. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, the chairperson of the Commission on Judicial Performance and a representative of the Kansas Bar Association spoke in support of the bill. The Committee amended the bill to retain a sunset date, but extend it to January 1, 2015. The Committee recommended the bill be passed as amended.

The fiscal note on the bill states the cost of continuing the Commission beyond June 30, 2013, would be \$639,135 from the Judicial Performance Fund for FY 2014, which would include salaries and wages for 2.00 FTE positions. The Judicial Performance Fund was created in 2006 and receives 3.05 percent of total docket fees. These fees will continue to be deposited in the Fund in FY 2013 and thereafter. Average annual receipts to the Fund for the past three years were \$734,439 and the agency estimates the FY 2014 receipts would be adequate to fully fund the Commission.

*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>