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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2252**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

**Brief\***

HB 2252, as amended, would allow a prosecution for rape or aggravated criminal sodomy to be commenced at any time. Additionally, the bill would allow for prosecution of a sexually violent crime to commence within ten years when the victim is 18 years old or older. When the victim is under 18 years, the bill would allow for prosecution of a sexually violent crime to commence within one year of the date the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by DNA testing, or within ten years (increased from the current period of five years) of the date the victim turns 18 years of age, whichever is later.

**Background**

In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Representatives Victors and Finch, representatives of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Justice for Survivors, and Sunflower Community Action, and several concerned citizens appeared in support of the bill. The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association offered written testimony in support of the bill. No others offered testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to allow prosecution for aggravated criminal sodomy to be commenced at any time and to allow for prosecution of a

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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>

sexually violent crime to commence within ten years when the victim is 18 years old or older.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the bill, as introduced, indicates passage could increase the number of cases filed, however, the fiscal effect likely would be accommodated within existing resources. Additionally, the Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates passage would have a negligible impact on prison admissions and bed needs.