

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 269**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 269 would amend the rules of evidence to clarify that the “timely objection” (or “contemporaneous objection”) rule is to apply in all civil and criminal proceedings, including capital cases, whether tried by a jury or by the court without a jury.

**Background**

SB 269 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Attorney General’s Office. In the Senate Committee, a representative of the Attorney General’s Office testified in support of the bill, explaining it was requested in response to recent Kansas appellate decisions in which the rule was not applied. A representative of the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers testified in opposition to the bill and offered alternative language for an amendment to clarify the rule.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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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>