

MEMORANDUM

To: John Kirk, Division of the Budget
From: Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Date: February 13, 2021
Re: Prison Bed Impact Assessment, **HB 2274 – Increasing the criminal penalty for buying sexual relations and removing provisions related to how prior convictions are counted**

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- This bill **may** have an impact on prison admissions, prison beds, and the workload of the Commission, but it cannot be determined at this time. **Any impact will be negligible as most severity level 9 felony sentences are presumptive probation.**

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

This bill amends K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6421 to increase the penalty for the crime of **buying sexual relations** from a class A person misdemeanor to a severity level 9, person felony. This bill also removes the provisions related to counting prior convictions under the statute.

FINDINGS

- In FY 2019, **0** offenders were convicted of a felony under K.S.A. 21-6421.
- In FY 2020, **9** offenders were arrested for violation of K.S.A. 21-6421.

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