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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 27, 2021  
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 6

Senate Bill 6 counts any crime with a domestic violence designation as a prior conviction under domestic battery.

Current law in K.S.A. 21-5414 provides that domestic battery is a class B person misdemeanor, a class A person misdemeanor on a second conviction in the immediately preceding 5 years, and a nongrid person felony on a third or subsequent conviction in the immediately preceding 5 years. Current law requires those prior convictions to be for domestic battery, and this bill would count any criminal offense that includes the domestic violence designation pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4616 as a prior conviction for purpose of the escalating penalty.