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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 5, 2024

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2605

HB 2605 increases the maximum rate paid to appointed counsel for an indigent person.

The bill amends K.S.A. 22-4507, the statute that sets the compensation to be paid to attorneys for providing services to people who are indigent. Current law provides that these attorneys will be compensated at the rate of \$80 per hour unless the chief judge negotiates a lower hourly rate or the attorney has a contract with the board that specifies the rate paid.

This bill would change the subsection to provide that the attorneys will be compensated at a rate not less than \$120 per hour and not more than \$140 per hour. The bill keeps the current law exceptions to that rate in place.