

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2494**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2494 would amend the statute governing the time within which prosecution for a crime must be commenced to state that when the offense charged is a sexually violent crime, as defined by state law, and the victim was under 18 at the time of the offense, the time would start to run the day after the victim's 18th birthday. Additionally, it would clarify that the prohibition of prosecution after a victim turns 28 would only apply to the subsection in which it appears, rather than the entire statute.

**Background**

In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, representatives of the Attorney General's Office, the Lawrence Police Department, the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, in addition to private citizens, offered testimony in support of the bill. No opponents appeared at the hearing.

In the Senate Committee on Judiciary, representatives of the Attorney General's Office and the Bonner Springs Police Department appeared in support of the bill. No opponents offered testimony. The Committee amended the bill to clarify that it applies to a "sexually violent crime," which is defined in state law, rather than a "sexually violent offense."

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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>

The fiscal note for HB 2494, as introduced, indicates passage would have no fiscal effect on the court system and the effect on prison admissions and bed needs would be negligible.