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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2298

As Recommended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2298 would amend the penalty for the crime of giving a false alarm, a class A nonperson misdemeanor, to make the crime a severity level 10, nonperson felony, when a person uses any means, including, but not limited to, electronic devices or software, to alter, conceal, or disguise the identity of the person transmitting such request for emergency service. The bill would provide that an offender who commits this offense also could be prosecuted for, convicted of, and punished for interference with law enforcement. The bill also would amend the statute governing the crime of interference with law enforcement to reconcile changes made to the statute in the 2012 Legislative Session.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of Representative Gail Finney. In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, no proponents or opponents offered testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage would result in an increase of one to three adult prison beds in each fiscal year during the FY 2014-FY 2023 forecast period. The Office of Judicial Administration predicts passage would increase the number of cases filed; however, the impact likely would be accommodated within existing resources.

*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>