

HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Representative Russ Jennings, Chairman

KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION
Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
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Proponent Testimony – HB 2396

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in favor of this legislation on behalf of the Kansas Sentencing Commission. This bill is a technical fix request for the 2003 SB 123 substance abuse treatment program bill that was passed last year.

The only substantive amendment to K.S.A. 21-6824 (SB 123) is in subsection (a) and would include the controlled substances distribution statute of K.S.A. 21-5705. This was an inadvertent omission that effectively precludes eligibility for these offenders.

Bed savings is estimated at 23, 38 or 62 in FY2020 and 36, 62 or 99 in FY 2029, depending on which scenario plays out. This would cause an increase in offenders in the SB 123 treatment program. However, at the request of the KSSC, the Governor has already included the additional funds necessary to support these offenders in the current FY 2020 budget.

I appreciate your time and attention to the Kansas Sentencing Commission testimony, ask for your support, and would be happy to answer questions. Thank you.