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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Jenna Moyer, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 22, 2019  
Subject: SB88 – Increasing the criminal penalties for violation of a protective order.

Senate Bill 88 amends K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 21-5924 to increase the criminal penalties for violating a protective order. Violation of a protective order includes knowingly violating a protection from abuse order, a restraining order, a protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking order, and an order issued as a condition of pre- or postrelease supervision that orders a person to refrain from having contact with another person.

Currently, violation of a protective order is a Class A person misdemeanor, and this bill would add that a second or subsequent conviction would be a severity level 7, person felony. Violation of an extended protective order is currently a severity level 6, person felony, but this bill provides that a second or subsequent conviction would be a severity level 4, person felony.