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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
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Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2279

HB 2279, as amended by House Committee, would require law enforcement officers to provide certain notifications to victims when they make an arrest related to a domestic violence call.

Current law in K.S.A. 22-2307 requires law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies regarding domestic violence calls. This bill would require those policies to include that when an arrest is made for a domestic violence offense, including an arrest for violation of a protection order, the law enforcement officer shall notify the victim of: (1) The fact that in some cases the person arrested can be released from custody in a short amount of time; (2) the fact that in some cases a bond condition may be imposed on the person arrested that prohibits contact with the victim for 72 hours, and that if the person arrested contacts the victim during that time, the victim should notify law enforcement immediately; and (3) any available services within the jurisdiction to monitor the custody status of the person arrested.

The bill would also require all law enforcement agencies to train officers about the policies adopted pursuant to this section.