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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2546

House Bill 2546 creates the crime of sexual extortion and adds the crime to the Kansas offender registration act.

New Section 1 defines the crime of sexual extortion as communicating a threat to injure the property or reputation of another person, a threat to commit violence against a person, or a threat to distribute an image or video of a person that is of a sexual nature or depicts such person in a state of nudity either: (1) With the intent to coerce the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which would be a severity level 7, person felony; or (2) that causes the person to engage in sexual contact or produce a sexual image, which would be a severity level 4, person felony.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 22-4902, the statute that defines who is required to register under the Kansas offender registration act, and Section 3 amends K.S.A. 22-4906, the statute that sets the time period for which an offender is required to register. The bill would require a person convicted of sexual extortion, when one of the parties involved is less than 18 years of age, to register as a sex offender for 15 years.