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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2360

HB 2360 removes recklessly causing fear or evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities from the crime of criminal threat.

The bill amends K.S.A. 21-5415, the crime of criminal threat. Current law provides that criminal threat is any threat to (1) commit violence communicated with intent to place another in fear, or to cause the evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities of any building, place of assembly or facility of transportation, or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such fear or evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities; (2) adulterate or contaminate any food, raw agricultural commodity, beverage, drug, animal feed, plant or public water supply; or (3) expose any animal in this state to any contagious or infectious disease.

This bill would remove the reckless disregard of the risk of causing such fear or evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities from the first element of the offense.