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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 22, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 9

Senate Bill 9 requires newly certified law enforcement officers to attend diversity meetings organized by the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training.

The bill enacts a new section of law that would be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas law enforcement training act, article 56 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. Every police officer or law enforcement officer who is issued a certification by the commission on or after January 1, 2022, shall attend one diversity meeting within six months after such certification is issued. The commission shall schedule not fewer than two diversity meetings each year. Each meeting shall be open to any police officer or law enforcement officer who was issued a certification during the immediately preceding six months. For each diversity meeting, the commission shall invite prominent members of minority communities and may invite other individuals, including members of the general public. The Kansas human rights commission shall provide the commission a list of individuals who are prominent members of minority communities across the state. Finally, on or before January 1, 2022, the commission shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.