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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 497

Senate Bill 497 authorizes the attorney general to coordinate training regarding a multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in reports involving alleged human trafficking for law enforcement agencies and requires training on human trafficking awareness and identification for certain child welfare agencies, juvenile justice agencies, mental health professionals and school personnel.

The bill amends K.S.A. 75-756, the statute that currently authorizes the attorney general to coordinate training regarding human trafficking for law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas. New subsection (a) declares that it is the public policy of this state that law enforcement agencies shall implement a coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in reports involving alleged human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child. Subsection (b) would change current law to direct the attorney general to coordinate training for law enforcement regarding a coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in reports involving alleged human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child.

Finally, subsection (c) provides that, each fiscal year, certain persons shall be required to complete one hour of training on human trafficking awareness and identification that has been developed or approved by the attorney general. The list includes: (1) Employees or contractors with several agencies who, in the course of employment, have regular contact with members of the general public; (2) certain licensed mental health professionals and counselors; (3) all teachers, school administrators and employees of educational institutions; and (4) all persons licensed by the secretary of health and environment to provide child care services and the employees of such licensees.