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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bowers
Members of the Senate Committee on Transparency & Ethics

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 24, 2021

Subject: HB 2096 – Exceptions to the Open Records Act.

House Bill No. 2096 (HB 2096) would amend K.S.A. 45-221, which provides the enumerated exceptions to the general requirement that public records be open to the public. Current law provides an exception for records that are searchable on a public website maintained by a public agency when the search can identify the home address or home ownership of law enforcement officers, probation officers, court services officers, community correctional services officers, federal, state, and municipal court judges, and federal, state, and municipal prosecutors. Such individuals may request to have their information restricted from public access on the website.

HB 2096 would add the following individuals to this exception:

- Employees of the Department of Corrections
- Local correctional officers and detention officers
- Employees of the judicial branch
- Employees of municipal courts
- Administrative law judges
- Hearing officers under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act
- Members of the State Board of Tax Appeals
- Members of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board

If enacted, HB 2096 would become effective on July 1, 2021.