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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 89

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

SB 89 would require county and district attorneys to publish a monthly report, accessible to the public, of all criminal actions and proceedings and juvenile offender proceedings. The report would be required to contain at least the following information:

- Total number of cases charged;
- Total number of criminal cases filed, organized by person felony, nonperson felony, or misdemeanor classification, with a list indicating the disposition of each case; and
- Total number of juvenile offender proceedings filed, with the same information as for criminal cases.

The county and district attorneys would also be required to file this report with the Office of the Attorney General, and the report would be an open public record and posted on the Attorney General's website.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Senator Smith. In the Senate Committee, a citizen testified in support of the bill. Senator Smith and an Arkansas state

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representative submitted written testimony supporting the bill. A representative of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association testified as a neutral conferee. A representative of the Kansas Judicial Council submitted written neutral testimony. There was no opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General indicates development of the online database would require a one-time cost of \$20,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2016. Ongoing maintenance would be approximately \$2,500 per year. Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

The 105 county and district attorneys would incur costs to compile and transmit reports to the Attorney General's Office and make reports available locally, but the Kansas Association of Counties indicates the precise cost of reporting cannot be determined.