

SESSION OF 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 318**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 318 would remove the requirement of obtaining fingerprints from individuals convicted of violating municipal ordinances related to vehicle registration, driving without a valid driver's license, or failing to have motor vehicle liability insurance coverage.

**Background**

The bill was introduced in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Bowers.

***Senate Committee on Judiciary***

In the Senate Committee hearing on January 23, 2024, a representative of the Kansas Municipal Judges Association (KMJA) provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would reduce the time and resources of staff needed to process fingerprints in municipal court for these nonviolent offenses.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by two municipal court judges.

The City Attorney of Topeka provided neutral testimony stating that removing the fingerprint requirement for these offenses would mean defendants would not have to appear in court which could lead to unintended consequences.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Police Chiefs, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association.

No other testimony was provided.

**Fiscal Note**

No fiscal note was available when the Senate Committee took action on the bill.

Municipal Courts; fingerprinting; driver's license; vehicle