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Good afternoon:

During Committee hearings earlier this week, members requested information concerning: the effects of prenatal marijuana use, regional marijuana policy schemes, and marijuana possession sentencing data from the Sentencing Commission.

Prenatal Marijuana Use
Research staff was asked to provide links to medical studies that analyzed the effects of marijuana use by pregnant women.

The two studies below were chosen because of their publication in national medical periodicals, are solely for informational purposes, and do not represent the views or opinions of the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Attached please find copies of two studies:

1. Marijuana Use During Pregnancy and Breastfeeding: Implications for Neonatal and Childhood Outcomes, Ryan, et al. Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatrics (2018).

2. Association Between Self-reported Prenatal Cannabis Use and Maternal, Perinatal, and Neonatal Outcomes, Corsi, et al., Journal of the American Medical Association (2019).

Regional Marijuana Laws

Below is a chart with basic information concerning marijuana laws in regional states. Many states enacted marijuana policy through a voter initiative. Voter initiatives require signatures of a particular percentage of registered voters and appear on election ballots once the questions are certified to have the required signatures. Please note that such a mechanism does not exist in Kansas.

State	Type of Regulated System	Method of Enactment	Effective Date
Arkansas	Medicinal	Voter Initiative	November 9, 2016
Colorado	Recreational	Voter Initiative	January 1, 2014
Iowa	Medicinal-CBD/low THC-only	Bill	May 12, 2017
Missouri	Medicinal	Voter Initiative	December 6, 2018
Nebraska	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma	Medicinal	Voter Initiative	Approved on June 26, 2018

Additional information on particular states is available upon request.

Marijuana Possession Sentencing Data

The Committee received a copy of a 2018 memorandum to the Kansas Sentencing Commission from Executive Director Scott Schultz which discussed specific findings regarding the sentencing of persons convicted of a 3rd or subsequent offense of possession of marijuana. Director Schultz has provided the attached memorandum with updated information for FY 2019.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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