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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 25, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2029

HB 2029 counts crimes designated as a domestic violence offense as prior convictions for purposes of domestic battery.

Current law in K.S.A. 21-5414 provides that domestic battery is a class B person misdemeanor, a class A person misdemeanor on a second conviction in the immediately preceding 5 years, and a nongrid person felony on a third or subsequent conviction in the immediately preceding 5 years. Current law requires those convictions to be for domestic battery, and this bill would count any criminal offense that includes a domestic violence designation pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4616 as a prior conviction for purpose of the escalating penalty.