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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2274

HB 2274 increases the criminal penalty for buying sexual relations.

Current law in K.S.A. 21-6421 provides that buying sexual relations is a class A person misdemeanor and a severity level 9, person felony when committed by a person who has a prior conviction for a violation of this section. This bill would make all violations of this section a severity level 9, person felony.

The bill removes provisions related to counting prior convictions since there is no longer an enhanced penalty based on prior convictions. It would also remove provisions related to city and county ordinances since there will no longer be a misdemeanor version of this offense.