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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 1, 2022

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2517

HB 2517 transfers the responsibility to certify drug abuse treatment providers that participate in the certified drug abuse treatment program from the department of corrections to the Kansas sentencing commission.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 21-6824, the statute that creates the certified drug abuse treatment program. Subsection (g) is amended to provide that “mental health professional” includes those providers who have been certified by the Kansas sentencing commission, as opposed to the department of corrections, to great offenders pursuant to K.S.A. 75-52,144.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 75-52,144 to provide change references from the secretary or the department of corrections to the Kansas sentencing commission. Subsection (b) is amended to provide that the commission may establish a process for revoking certification of programs that do not meet the commission’s qualifications for certification.