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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 20, 2021  
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2071

HB 2071 increases the criminal penalties for stalking a minor. K.S.A. 21-5427, the crime of stalking, is amended to add a new provision for intentionally engaging in a course of conduct targeted at a specific child under the age of 14 that would cause a reasonable person in the circumstances of the targeted child, or a reasonable person in the circumstances of an immediate family member of such child, to fear for the child's safety.

Violation of the new stalking provision would be a severity level 7, person felony on a first conviction, and a severity level 4, person felony on a second or subsequent conviction.

