

KANSAS OFFICE *of*
REVISOR *of* STATUTES

LEGISLATURE *of* THE STATE *of* KANSAS
Legislative Attorneys transforming ideas into legislation.

300 SW TENTH AVENUE ■ SUITE 24-E ■ TOPEKA, KS 66612 ■ (785) 296-2321

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 22, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2363

HB 2363 authorizes the appointed counsel rate paid by the board of indigents' defense services to be higher than \$80 per hour.

Current law in K.S.A. 22-4507 provides that appointed counsel shall be compensated at the rate of \$80 per hour unless the chief judge in a judicial district negotiates a lower rate or a contract between the board and appointed counsel specifies a lower rate. This bill would allow those appointed attorneys to be paid at a rate higher than \$80. It would keep the existing exceptions in place.