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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2082

House Bill 2082 authorizes the crime victims compensation board to waive certain application time restrictions and adds certain children to the definition of victim.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 74-7301 to define “victim” to include a person who suffers personal injury or death as a result of “witnessing a violent crime when the person was 16 years of age or younger at the time the crime was committed.”

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 74-7305 to remove the individual listing of sexual crimes and replace it with the term “sexually violent crime, as defined in K.S.A. 22-3717.” The bill also allows the board to award compensation for mental health counseling to a victim of a sexually violent crime if the board finds there was good cause for the failure to file within the specified time period.