

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 135

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 135 would make technical amendments to law concerning orders issued under the Protection from Abuse Act (PFAA) to reorganize the section to clarify how a protection order may be affected when a child-related order is issued pursuant to another legal action.

The bill would replace language referencing orders issued pursuant to various specified chapters and articles of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated* with “order issued in any action.” [Note: The bill would not make any substantive change to the order of precedence currently applied by Kansas courts.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV).

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas Judicial Council and KCSDV provided **proponent** testimony, stating the current provision setting out the precedence of orders in the PFAA is confusing and hard to read for attorneys, judges, and practitioners. The proponents

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also stated that by changing the language to “any action” the bill would allow courts to consider existing protection orders when making guardianship decisions.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Protection from Abuse Act; protection orders; child-related orders