

**HOUSE BILL No. 2591**

By Representative Capps

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1 AN ACT concerning courts; relating to closed courtrooms; members of the  
2 legislature.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Whenever a district judge or a district magistrate judge  
6 closes a courtroom for any reason other than a reason specified in statute, a  
7 sitting member of the Kansas house of representatives or Kansas senate  
8 shall be allowed to remain in the courtroom.

9 (b) If a sitting member of the Kansas house of representatives or  
10 Kansas senate remains in a courtroom that has been closed by a district  
11 judge or a district magistrate judge, the member shall be:

12 (1) Allowed to observe the proceedings; and

13 (2) subject to discipline or censure in accordance with the rules of the  
14 Kansas house of representatives or Kansas senate, whichever is  
15 appropriate, for any conduct that arises out of the member's presence in the  
16 courtroom.

17 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
18 publication in the statute book.