

March 6, 2023

The Honorable Renee Erickson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Erickson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 165 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 165 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 165 would amend the Workers Compensation Act by expanding the definitions of “personal injury” and “injury” to include post-traumatic stress disorder for first responders. First responders would include firefighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency medical service providers whether paid or serving as duly authorized volunteers.

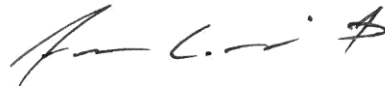
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$4,995,520
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Department of Administration estimates enactment of SB 165 would require additional expenditures of \$4,995,520 (268 first responders x 18,640 cost per claim) from the State Self Insurance Fund in FY 2024. The estimate assumes that approximately 268 state-employed first responders, or 33.3 percent, of the total number of state-employed first responders (804) would experience post-traumatic stress disorder and be eligible for workers compensation benefits. The Department estimates expenditures from the State Self Insurance Fund would follow the medical trend of 2.7 percent for each year and after initial implementation.

According to the Department of Labor, enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 165 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The bill would have a fiscal effect on cities and counties, if enacted; however, the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties are unable to estimate the fiscal effect on local governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor
Tamara Emery, Department of Administration
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties