

March 19, 2023

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 315 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 315 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 315 would expand KSA 44-663 related to employer COVID-19 vaccine requirements to cover any vaccine requirement imposed by an employer. The bill would define “vaccine” as an immunization, vaccination, injection, or series thereof that is administered to stimulate immunity against a particular disease. The definition of “employee” would also be amended to include students in high school and postsecondary educational institutions who interact with patients and deliver care at health care facilities under the supervision of licensed individuals.

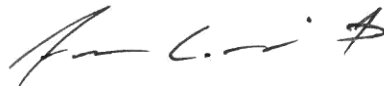
In addition, the bill would amend provisions related to vaccine requirements for maternity centers, child care facilities, and schools by requiring exemptions for sincerely held religious beliefs without inquiry into the sincerity of the request. Religious beliefs would include, but not be limited to, theistic and non-theistic moral and ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong that are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views.

The Kansas Department of Labor reports that enactment of SB 315 has the potential to increase the workload related to legal reviews and investigations for reported employer violations. There would also be additional revenue due to fees collected from employers in violation, however, a fiscal effect is unable to be estimated. The Office of Judicial Administration reports that enactment of the bill would have a negligible effect on expenditures and revenues for the Judicial Branch. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of SB 315 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, enactment of SB 315 would not have a fiscal effect on public postsecondary educational institutions and the Kansas State Department of Education estimates a negligible effect on agency operations and school districts. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 315 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states enactment of SB 315 would not have a fiscal effect on cities. The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill could potentially affect counties, by altering employment processes and impacting child care facilities within the county. A total fiscal effect could not be estimated.

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: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment  
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