February 15, 2019

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2269 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2269 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Corrections, and the Secretary’s agents or employees are not liable for damages caused by any negligent or wrongful act or omission in making the good time and program credit calculations authorized by statute.

Also under current law, the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Corrections, the Secretary’s agents or employees, the Office of Judicial Administration, and court service officers are not liable for damages caused by any negligent or wrongful act or omission in making the earned discharge credit calculations authorized by statute.

HB 2269 would remove the words “or wrongful.”

The Department of Corrections indicates enactment of HB 2269 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect because the bill could create an increased liability for Judicial Branch employees. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2269 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Linda Kelly, Corrections