February 20, 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 2279 by Representatives Victors and Curtis

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2279 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2279 would require that policies implemented by law enforcement agencies in the state regarding domestic violence calls provide that when an arrest is made while a law enforcement officer is responding to a domestic violence call, including an arrest for violation of a protective order, the officer would provide the victim the following information:

1.   The earliest possible time of release from custody of the person being arrested according to the bond schedule adopted in the jurisdiction where the arrest is being made, if the jurisdiction has adopted a bond schedule;

2.   If the person is being bonded out for a person felony or a person misdemeanor, the bond would be conditioned on the person being prohibited from having any contact with the alleged victim for a period of at least 72 hours, unless the judge makes a specific finding otherwise; and

3.   Any available services within the jurisdiction to monitor custody changes of the person being arrested, including, but not limited to, the Kansas Victim Information and Notification Everyday Service, if available in the jurisdiction.

All law enforcement agencies would provide training to law enforcement officers about the policies specified in the bill.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas Highway Patrol indicate enactment of HB 2279 would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations and could be absorbed within existing resources.
The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate enactment of HB 2279 would result in staff time and attorney costs in drafting the written policies with all the requirements listed in the bill and additional time for local law enforcement agencies to provide the training specified in the bill.

Sincerely,

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