April 20, 2020

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519C-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2744 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2744 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2744 would require the Secretary of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families to enter into a memorandum of understanding on or before October 1, 2020, to coordinate administration of risks and needs assessments during a child in need of care hearing. The bill would require agencies who are providing services to a child in need of care to collaborate with each other. Evidence-based services would be administered by court services and would allow the court to extend the term of probation or the overall case length for a juvenile offender if the evidence-based services are being used. The DOC would be required to develop a system to exchange confidential information on or before July 1, 2022, and report to various legislative committees on or before the first day of the 2021 regular legislative session.

Children who have been administered the risk and needs assessment and require services, would be eligible recipients of funds from the evidence-based programs account in the DOC. The Secretary of DOC would also be required to develop and implement evidence-based community programs throughout the state.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2744 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures as the courts could allow possible extension of case length limits for an offender. This could require Court Service Officers to supervise certain cases for a longer period of time. The Office of Judicial Administration states that the number of these potential cases are unknown, and a precise a fiscal effect cannot be determined. The Department of Corrections and the
Department for Children and Families indicate that HB 2744 would have no fiscal effect on either agency’s operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2744 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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