February 18, 2019

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 102 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 102 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 102 would establish the Kansas Closed Case Task Force, which would comprise 14 voting members. The task force would be responsible for developing a plan to ensure uniform, statewide policies and procedures related to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The task force would be required to complete a plan for implementation of the provisions of the bill by October 1, 2020, and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2020.

According to Legislative Administrative Services, enactment of SB 102 would result in $14,258 in additional expenditures from the State General Fund for four legislators to attend six meetings in FY 2020. Included in this amount is $2,128 for salaries and wages, $3,576 for subsistence, $3,570 for mileage, $144 for tolls, $3,576 for enroute compensation, and $1,264 for employer costs. In addition, Legislative Administrative Services indicates that these expenses could increase in FY 2021 if the rates for mileage and per diem subsistence increase.

The Kansas Department of Correction indicates that the Director of Victim Services or their designee would be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending meetings. However, the agency states that expenses related to participation in the task force would be negligible and could be absorbed through existing resources.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation indicates that enactment of the bill would require additional staff time and travel expenses. However, the fiscal effect on this agency would be negligible. In addition, the Board of Indigents’ Defense Services indicates it would be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend meetings, but the fiscal effect on the agency cannot be estimated.
The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of the bill would result in additional staff time and travel expenses, depending on where the meetings of the task force are held and the length of those meetings. The agency also states that enactment of the bill would result in a county sheriff and a local prosecutor, who would be members of the task force, incurring expenses for additional staff time and travel. In addition, the agency notes that the cost of implementation of the protocols that would be adopted by the task force would largely fall onto local law enforcement in addition to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 102 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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