

January 28, 2022

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2455 by Representative Fairchild

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2455 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2455 would authorize blood donations as a system for obtaining good time credit for inmates serving a sentence for a drug severity level one through five crimes. The bill would require the Secretary of Corrections to adopt rules and regulations for the program. The Secretary would also be required to create a process in which an inmate's blood donation credit can be earned and forfeited and blood quality can be tested. The amount of credit the bill would authorize would be 10.0 percent of the prison sentence for each donation; however, an inmate would only be allowed to donate once every three months. The Secretary would be required to report data on blood donation credit calculations to the Kansas Sentencing Commission and the Kansas Reentry Policy Council.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	(\$2,060,943)	(\$2,060,943)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

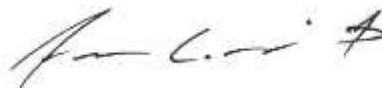
The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2455 would result in a decrease of 114, 170, or 223 beds needed by the end of FY 2023 depending on the scenario. The scenarios project 114 fewer inmates if 50.0 percent of eligible inmates qualify and participate, 170

fewer inmates with 75.0 percent participation, and 223 fewer inmates with 100.0 percent participation. By the end of FY 2032, 1,026, 1,524, or 2,034 fewer beds would be needed, depending on the scenario. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,428 for males and 936 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2022 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will total 7,782 male and 756 female inmates in FY 2022 and 7,736 male and 730 female inmates in FY 2023.

The Department of Corrections indicates enactment of the bill would result in it being able to close one housing unit, resulting in savings of staff, food, medical, and other costs of \$49.53 per resident per day. The Department estimates savings from 114 fewer residents (50.0 percent participation) would total \$2,060,943 from the State General Fund in FY 2023. The Department also indicates that enactment of the bill would require it to recode computer systems to track the credits, develop administration regulations, revise new policies, and train staff. Operational costs to administer the program would include staff time for organizing collection events, security checks for people entering the facility to collect blood, movement of residents from housing units to the collection site, obtaining test results to determine blood quality, and data entry associated with the application of credits. However, the Department indicates these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

In addition, the Department of Corrections indicates that it currently works with local blood banks for small scale blood collection opportunities. Enactment of the bill would require these partnerships to scale up for the approximate 1,600 drug offenders who would be eligible to donate four times a year which would result in 6,400 blood collections annually. Should these partners be unable to scale up, the Department of Corrections would need to develop the capacity to collect, store, test, transport, and deliver collected blood offsite. However, this fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the capacity that would need to be developed is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2455 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission