

January 14, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 12 by Senator Faust-Goudeau

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 12 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

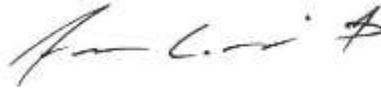
SB 12 would require the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to collaborate with community partners and stakeholders to jointly develop performance-based contracts. These contracts would provide an array of evidence-based prevention and early intervention services for families who are at risk for out-of-home placement or have a child in out-of-home placement and for children who are awaiting adoption. The bill would require that the implementation plan must describe the services to be delivered, outcome measures used, how families would be referred and the optimum balance of shared responsibility for child protection and child welfare between the state and community-based providers.

The bill would require DCF to report to the Governor, the House Committee on Children and Seniors, and the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare by January 31, 2022, with an implementation plan which would begin July 1, 2022. Updates and recommendations of the plan would be due by January 31, 2023. A proposal for reinvestment of savings from presumed reduction in foster care caseloads would be due to Legislature and Governor by January 31, 2023.

According to DCF, enactment of SB 12 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. It is not anticipated that collaboration with community partners or stakeholders would have a fiscal effect, as there are no provisions requiring payment of expenses to those partners. Any savings from foster caseloads would be realized during the Consensus Caseload Estimating process. This process does not allow the agency to retain any savings for other programs. It is also assumed that

the outcomes established would be consistent with federal outcome requirements. If not, it is possible the agency could be penalized by partial withholding of federal funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families