

January 18, 2023

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

And

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren and Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 12 by Senators Thompson and Steffen

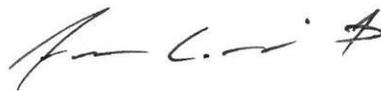
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 12 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 12 would create the Kansas Child Mutilation Prevention Act and would define the crime of unlawful gender reassignment service. The bill lists specific acts that would be considered knowingly performing, or causing to be performed, unlawful gender reassignment service upon a person under 21 years of age for the purpose of attempting to change or affirm the person's perception of the person's sex, if that perception is inconsistent with the person's sex. SB 12 categorizes unlawful gender reassignment service as a severity level four, person felony. The bill would allow for exceptions in certain cases where a person was born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development. The bill would also add violation of the Kansas Child Mutilation Prevention Act to the definition of "unprofessional conduct" under KSA 65-2837, as related to licensure under the Kansas Healing Arts Act.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations and any change in workload could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of SB 12 could increase the number of cases filed in district court because it creates the crime of unlawful gender reassignment services, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 12 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary