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Laura Kelly, Governor

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

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 364 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 364 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 364 would extend the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse claims. The bill would permit an action for damages for an injury or illness from childhood sexual abuse to be filed at any time. The bill would also revive claims for injury or illness from childhood sexual abuse that occurred on or after July 1, 1984.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 364 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it removes the statute of limitations to file an action related to childhood sexual abuse. This would allow more cases to be filed with the court that otherwise would not have been filed. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of SB 364, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. SB 364 would have no other fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, the bill could result in the collection of docket fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund.

The Department for Children and Families indicates that SB 364 would have not fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 364 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt".

Adam C. Proffitt
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cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families