January 30, 2014

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2497 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2497 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2497 would modify the procedures for the transfer of offenders who have been placed on community supervision programs from one district court to another. The originating court may either retain jurisdiction of the offender or transfer jurisdiction of the offender to the receiving court. If supervision is transferred, the originating court may initiate a transfer order which must include the journal entry of sentencing, all documents relating to the placement of the offender on community supervision, and the offender’s written consent to abide by the rules of the receiving court.

After a transfer order is initiated, the receiving court would have jurisdiction over the offender for the purposes of enforcing the conditions of supervision. Once the community supervision period is completed, the receiving court may either return the case to the originating court for termination or, with the consent of the originating court, order termination of the case. If the offender violates the terms of supervision, the receiving court may, with the consent of the originating court, dispose of the case. If consent is not given, the receiving court would return the case to the originating court.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the new transfer procedures would increase the workload of court clerks in the form of staff time spent processing transfers in the district court case management system. The system is not currently optimized to handle reporting when offenders are transferred from one judicial district to another. If system modifications are needed to ensure accurate tracking and reporting, the Office expects a
minimum cost of approximately $5,000 for vendor programming changes. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2497 is not reflected in The FY 2015 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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