

February 27, 2013

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 159 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 159 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 159 would amend the reporting procedure applying to mandatory reporters and anyone who suspects that children or adults have been abused or neglected. Currently, mandatory reporters are required to make reports to the Department for Children and Families (DCF) during normal working hours. If a report is not submitted during regular working hours, it must be made to a law enforcement agency, which in turn conveys the report to the Department for Children and Families on the next working day. SB 159 would require the report to be made to both the Department for Children and Families and a law enforcement agency. Reports occurring outside of regular DCF working hours would be made to DCF on the next working day.

The passage of SB 159 would have no fiscal effect for the Department for Children and Families. The cost of additional reports to local law enforcement agencies cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families