January 21, 2016

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 2464 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2464 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, if an offender absconds from supervision, the court may revoke the probation, assignment to a community correctional services program, suspension of sentence, or nonprison sanction without having first imposed a sanction. HB 2464 would allow the court to sanction absconders by remanding them to the custody of the Secretary of Corrections for a period of 120 days or 180 days without first imposing an intermediate confinement sanction of two to three days.

The Kansas Department of Corrections indicates the agency cannot provide an estimate of the number of offenders who would go before a judge because of absconding supervision and cannot provide an accurate fiscal effect at this time.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2464 would have an effect on adult prison beds; however, the Commission cannot provide an estimate at this time. If the Commission or the Department provides an estimate, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2464 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Adam Pfannenstiel, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Pat Scalia, Indigents Defense Services
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary