February 23, 2016

The Honorable Janice Pauls, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Pauls:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2575 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2575 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under HB 2575, any person who carries a concealed handgun but is not an employee of the state or a municipality and is not authorized to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance may be permitted to enter through a restricted access entrance provided the person:

1. Submits to an annual state and national criminal history records check;
2. Is authorized by the governing body or chief administrative officer to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance;
3. Is issued an identification card, which would be valid for one year, by the chief law enforcement officer, governing body or chief administrative officer; and
4. Executes an affidavit or other notarized statement that the person acknowledges that certain firearms and weapons are prohibited in the building and that violating any regulations may result in the revocation of the person’s authority to enter through a restricted access entrance.

The chief law enforcement officer, governing body or chief administrative officer must develop criteria for approval of individuals to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance. Individuals may be subjected to additional security screening measures upon reasonable suspicion or in circumstances where heightened security measures are warranted.
According to the Department of Administration, HB 2575 would not require changes to current state building security measures and, therefore, would not require additional costs for security. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates some local governments may incur costs if it is determined that changes to security measures are needed at some county or municipal buildings.

If the state or any local government chooses to allow certain individuals to enter a building through a restricted access entrance, the Office of the Attorney General indicates that there would be costs associated with issuing identification cards and conducting criminal background checks. However, the specific fiscal effect for the state or local governments is unknown because the number of individuals who would be granted authorization to enter through a restricted access entrance cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2575 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
    Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
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