February 23, 2015

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 185 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 185 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 185 would require the Department for Aging and Disability Services to reimburse counties for costs associated with the custody of sexually violent predators involuntarily committed to the Sexual Predator Treatment Program (SPTP). The Secretary would be required to develop and implement a procedure for such reimbursements which would come from the Larned state hospital – sexual predator treatment program account of the State General Fund. SB 185 would take effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

The Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates passage of SB 185 would increase expenditures for Larned State Hospital, but cannot provide a precise estimate since it is impossible to predict the number of individuals committed to the SPTP that may end up in the custody of a county law enforcement agency. The Department indicates reimbursements would need to be covered by increases to the Hospital’s State General Fund appropriation as less would be available for operations. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 185 would increase revenues to counties, but is unable to provide a precise estimate. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 185 is not reflected in The FY 2016 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Brad Ridley, Aging & Disability Services
    Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties