February 10, 2015

The Honorable Gregory Smith, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Smith:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 89 by Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 89 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 89 would require county and district attorneys to publish a caseload report each month and provide it to the Attorney General. The report would include all criminal actions and proceedings and juvenile offender proceedings. The bill details the data that should be included in the report. The report must be published in a manner that is accessible to the public and the Attorney General must post it on the agency’s website.

The Office of the Attorney General reports the agency would contract with a vendor to set up an online database where county and district attorneys could submit their reports and they would be available to the public. It is estimated that the development of the system would require a onetime cost of $20,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2016. Ongoing maintenance would be approximately $2,500 per year. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 89 is not reflected in The FY 2016 Governor’s Budget Report.

Under SB 89, all 105 counties and district attorney would incur costs associated with compiling and transmitting their reports to the Attorney General’s Office and maintaining the reports locally for open records. The Kansas Association of Counties reports that the precise cost of reporting cannot be determined.

Sincerely,

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