

February 8, 2017

The Honorable Steve Alford, Chairperson
House Committee on Children and Seniors
Statehouse, Room 187-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Alford:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2108 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2108 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2108 would amend the Grandparents as Caregivers Act to reduce the eligible age for grandparents from 50 to 40 years of age. The bill adds a new section that would require that children cared for under this act would be certified as foster children for purposes of being eligible for free and reduced school lunches.

The Department for Children and Families states that the children cared for under this act are eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. There are no age restrictions for relative caregivers under TANF and TANF recipients are categorically eligible for free school meals. As a result, enactment of HB 2108 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families