January 22, 2018

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2456 by Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2456 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the probation term limits and overall case length limits for juvenile offenders are tolled during any time that an offender has absconded from supervision while on probation. HB 2456 would specify that the time on the limits would not start to run again until the offender is located and brought back to the jurisdiction.

Under current law, probation term limits and overall case length limits apply upon disposition or 15 days after adjudication, whichever is sooner. The bill would change the current limits on probation term limits and overall case length limits to begin to run upon entry of the dispositional order in the juvenile offender’s case.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2456 would extend the time juvenile offenders would be supervised on probation, which would increase the workload of court services officers. The Office has no data on how many juveniles abscond from supervision, how often juveniles abscond, or the length of time juveniles abscond. The Office cannot estimate a fiscal effect upon the Judicial Branch until given an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2456 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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