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The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2631 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2631 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2631 would change reporting and investigation requirements for reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation. The bill would require the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to relay reports of abuse, neglect or sexual abuse to appropriate law enforcement agencies. DCF would be required to send a report to law enforcement if the agency receives a report from a required reporter or if the agency receives two different reports from any person regarding the same child. The bill would also require DCF to relay reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of certain adults to law enforcement if the agency receives two different reports regarding the same adult.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$667,879	\$667,879
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	11.00

DCF indicates enactment of HB 2631 would increase agency expenditures by \$667,879 in FY 2019. The agency also estimates expenditures would increase by approximately \$650,000 in FY 2020 and FY 2021. DCF currently receives approximately 38,000 reports each year involving children meeting the criteria identified in the bill. In order to relay reports to appropriate law

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enforcement agencies, DCF indicates an additional 11.00 FTE would need to be hired. Salaries and wages for these new FTE positions, including fringe benefits, are estimated at \$581,188 in FY 2019. In addition to hiring additional employees, DCF would incur additional operating expenses totaling \$86,691 in FY 2019. These expenditures would be ongoing and would become a part of the agency's base operating budget.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2631 could have a fiscal effect on the courts. Requiring DCF to relay more reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation could potentially result in more child in need of care cases being filed in district courts. If case filings increase, time spent by district courts processing, researching and hearing cases would also increase. The Office is not able to estimate the fiscal effect because the Office cannot estimate how many more cases would be filed in district courts. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2631 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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