January 16, 2018

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 266 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 266 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the definition of collateral source includes benefits or advantages for economic loss from the offender; a government entity; social security; Medicare; Medicaid; disability insurance; workers compensation; wage continuation programs; proceeds from contracts of insurance; and prepaid hospital, health care, and disability benefits contracts. SB 266 would amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act to include “any other source” of funds received by the claimant to be considered a collateral source of funds received or available to the crime victim.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) indicates that the bill could decrease payments to claimants from the Crime Victim’s Compensation Fund because it would expand the definition of what would be considered a collateral source, thereby enabling the OAG to deny or recover additional payments to claimants that have received compensation. The OAG indicates that the fiscal effect would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 266 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc:  Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General