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

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 407 by Senator Fitzgerald

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 407 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 407 would allow an individual who is required to register as a violent offender under the Kansas Offender Registration Act to petition the court that originally convicted the offender for an order relieving the offender of further registration. In order to qualify for relief from further registration, the individual must have only one violent crime conviction that required 15 years of registration, have been registered for a minimum of five years, have always been compliant with the terms of registration, and have no other convictions of any criminal charges before or after the conviction that also required registration. Additionally, the bill would allow the court to consider if relief of registration would be consistent with the public welfare and be warranted considering the circumstances and behavior of the offender.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation indicates that there are currently 4,882 individuals registered as violent offenders in Kansas. Of this amount, only 18 offenders would meet the requirements to petition the court for relief from registration requirements. The Bureau indicates that enactment of SB 407 would have no fiscal effect because it can process the termination of the registrations within existing budget resources.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 407 would increase the number of petitions filed in the district courts, which would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching and hearing these petition requests. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the time required to process,
research and hold hearings for these petitions is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 407 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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