

February 4, 2020

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

Dear Senator Wilborn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 332 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 332 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 332 would amend the Kansas Code for Care of Children by redefining one of the criteria for a child in need of care as a child who is willfully and voluntarily absent for the first time from a placement. The bill would require the court to issue an order directing a child to remain in a present or future placement if certain conditions are met and without consideration of whether the child would be available within the jurisdiction for future proceedings.

The Department for Children and Families indicates that SB 332 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Department for Children and Families budgeted for an average daily census of 35 beds for FY 2020 and 39 beds for FY 2021. Current usage is indicating that all of these budgeted beds may not be needed. However, if any additional placements would be needed, the cost would be \$235 per bed per day.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 332 would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 332 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families  
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary