

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

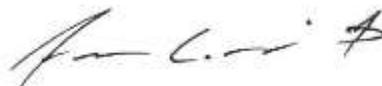
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2647 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2647 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2647 would add “evidence of sexual abuse against a child or the commission of any sex offense against a child” to the list of factors a court must consider in determining the issue of legal custody, residency, and parenting time of a child. The bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that it is not in the best interest of the child to have parenting time granted to a parent who is subject to the registration requirements of the Kansas Offender Registration Act or any similar act in any other state or under military or federal law as a sex offender when the offense requiring registration involved a child victim.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2647 could have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations because the bill’s provisions would add another factor for the court to consider when determining the issue of legal custody, residency, and parenting time of a child, which could increase time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2647 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Kim Holter, Children & Families
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Jay Hall, Association of Counties