



Adam C. Proffitt, Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

February 1, 2024

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
 Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 404 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 404 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

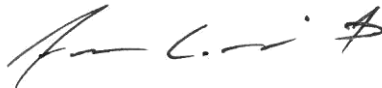
SB 404 would authorize healthcare workers to provide expedited partner therapy to patients who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. Among the provisions regarding when expedited partner therapy may be administered, the bill would specify that a child who is 16 years of age or older may consent to receive expedited partner therapy when no parent or legal guardian is immediately available. Healthcare providers and pharmacists would not be liable for civil damages or subject to disciplinary actions by the State Board of Healing Arts, the Board of Nursing, or the State Board of Pharmacy resulting from any act or omission in good faith compliance with the provisions of the bill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment would be responsible for developing and providing written materials containing information on expedited partner therapy and related health matters. The Department would also be responsible for adopting the necessary rules and regulations for administering the bill.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,500,000)
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,500,000)
Total Expenditures	--	(\$2,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of SB 404 would result in cost savings in local and state public health investigations due to fewer cases of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) as these would be expected to trend down with expedited partner therapy implementation. The agency estimates cost savings of approximately \$2.0 million, including \$1.0 million from the State General Fund in FY 2025 and savings of approximately \$3.0 million, including \$1.5 million from the State General Fund in FY 2026. There could also be savings for insurance companies and Medicaid associated with less delayed treatment of infections. Additionally local entities responsible for disease identification, response, and elimination could also experience cost savings.

The Board of Nursing indicates enactment of SB 404 would require communications to licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses but states the communication could occur through their current communication avenues. The Board of Healing Arts and the Board of Pharmacy both anticipate that any additional workload resulting from passage of SB 404 would be handled within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 404 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jill Simons, Board of Nursing
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment