

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 8 by Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 8 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 8 would amend the good time credit system and credit earned by inmates of adult correctional facilities. For crimes committed on or after July 1, 2021, good time credit would be calculated as 25.0 percent of the prison sentence for a person felony and 40.0 percent of the prison sentence for a nonperson felony. The bill would also increase the amount of good time credit that could be earned by an inmate and subtracted from their sentence for successful completion of programs from 120 to 150 days.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of SB 8 would result in a decrease of 86 adult prison beds in FY 2022. By FY 2031, 564 fewer adult prison beds would be needed. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,420 for males and 948 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2020 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population for available male capacity will be under capacity by 1,287 inmates in FY 2021 and 1,241 inmates in FY 2022. The Department of Corrections indicates that a reduction of 86 beds is approximately 1.0 percent of its current facility population. The Department states that the reduction in prison population would not be sufficient to reduce current prison expenditures but would be beneficial towards effectively housing, managing, and providing programs and services to inmates and could also help avoid long-term costs related to building more beds.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 8 would have a negligible fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 8 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt".

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections
Debbie Thomas, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission