

February 16, 2025

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2198 by Representative Ballard

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2198 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2198 would create the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act. The bill would allow certain individuals to file an action with the district court requesting a gun violence restraining order. The bill would outline court procedures and components that must be included in the action along with procedures for issuing and serving orders and seizing firearms. Gun violence restraining orders could only be issued for up to one year but could be extended by the court.

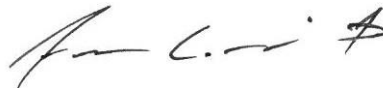
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$191,000 in FY 2026 and \$27,000 in FY 2027 from the State General Fund to develop a new process flow in the existing Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) infrastructure. The KBI estimates the internal development effort would take 480 hours of development, testing, and training totaling \$84,000. The KBI also states that external development by the message switch vendor would be required to update the message switch, the configuration of the switch, and access to the new message keys for communication and integration. This effort would require 320 development hours totaling \$80,000 and additional professional services for projected management and training totaling \$27,000. Ongoing support and maintenance costs in FY 2027 would total \$27,000. The KBI indicates additional training would need to be provided to KCJIS users, but that this could be handled within existing resources through regular training events. The KBI indicates it would take approximately 24 to 36 months to make the adjustments to KCJIS.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase expenditures significantly for the Judicial Branch because the bill would allow anyone with a relationship with the defendant to file an action with the district court requesting the court to enter a gun violence restraining order. This would require the court to conduct additional hearings, make findings and issue orders. It would also require additional duties that must be performed by the district court clerks, some which would need to be done within a short time frame. The bill would also result in the collection of additional docket fees in cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill could lead to significant litigation expenses for the Office due to potential Second Amendment violations. The Office states that it would hire outside counsel with experience defending similar laws at a potential cost of more than \$1.0 million from the State General Fund in FY 2026 and FY 2027.

The Highway Patrol indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2198 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Sherry Macke, Kansas Highway Patrol
Paul Weisgerber, Kansas Bureau of Investigation