

February 17, 2025

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

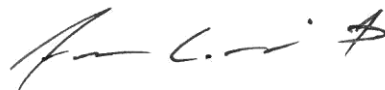
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 204 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 204 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 204 would require cases filed under the Kansas Juvenile Justice Code in which an arrest warrant has been sought to be sealed until the warrant has been executed or denied. The bill would require all subpoenas issued in juvenile cases to be sealed unless the court makes a finding that unsealing is in the interest of justice. The provisions of the bill would apply retroactively to any pending case or warrant.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a significant effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. The Office states that the bill would require district court clerks to manually seal cases and subpoenas for a certain period of time. Since the bill would retroactively include pending cases, the district court clerks would have to manually research current cases to determine which are subject to the bill's provisions. The Office indicates these new requirements would significantly increase the workload of district court clerks. The Office notes that it is possible that the centralized case management system could be re-programmed to automatically perform some of these duties, which would increase expenditures of the Judicial Branch. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 204 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary