



March 20, 2026

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 479 by Senator Corson

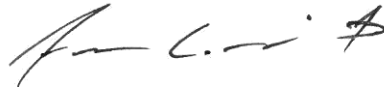
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 479 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 479 would authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to establish and implement comprehensive wellness program for officers and employees of each agency. The programs would be designed to provide resources and training addressing mental health and suicide prevention, physical fitness and injury prevention, relational wellness, and financial stability. The Superintendent and Director would be required to permit certified law enforcement personnel of other state agencies to participate in the program. To finance the programs, the bill would require an annual transfer of \$350,000 from the State Highway Fund to the Kansas Highway Patrol Operations Fund and an annual transfer of \$150,000 from the State General Fund to a fund designated by the KBI Director, beginning July 1, 2026.

The Highway Patrol estimates that enactment of SB 479 would increase expenditures from the Kansas Highway Patrol Operations Fund by \$350,000 per year beginning in FY 2027. The agency indicates that law enforcement personnel experience post-traumatic stress at disproportionately high rates and that current support services are largely incident-driven. The bill would allow the agency to implement a proactive wellness program, including counseling services, peer support training, physical fitness initiatives, relational support, financial wellness coaching, and preventive annual wellness check-ins for personnel. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation indicates that, outside of the direct appropriation contained in the bill, enactment of SB 479 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The bill would provide the KBI with \$150,000 per year from

the State General Fund beginning in FY 2027 for the implementation of its wellness program. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 479 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 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: Sherry Macke, Kansas Highway Patrol
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation