

March 1, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

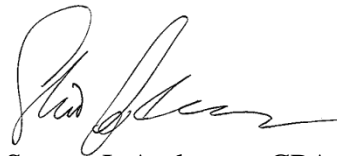
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 443 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 443 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Prior to the Licensed Addictions Counselors Act which passed during the 2011 Legislative Session, substance abuse counselors were certified through the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. As of August 31, 2011, that credential was discontinued and these counselors now receive licensure as addictions counselors through the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. In addition, the Registered Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor registration was discontinued. SB 443 would clean up several statutes to implement these changes as well as other technical measures resulting from the Act.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates the SB 443 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tom Hawk, Behavioral Sciences