

February 14, 2013

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2208 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2208 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2208 would authorize the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice to establish new and innovative community-based programming as an alternative to residential care for juveniles. The Commissioner may also establish new standards, performance-based outcomes and payment methodologies for residential services. The bill would permit the Commissioner to establish performance measures; contractual reporting timelines for data submissions; mechanisms for tracking program efficacy; evidence-based screening or assessment tools for youth; and contract provider requirements that are more stringent than the licensing standards used by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Performance measures, which would be defined by the Commissioner, would include recidivism rates, educational progress, measures of safety and welfare, measures of program engagement in community activities, and other measures determined by the Commissioner. Any contract provider's performance in relation to the performance measures could be made public.

HB 2208 would also allow the Commissioner to establish new payment methodologies and rates for contracted juvenile services. This may include creating tiered payments; tying payments to performance; establishing incentive payments; periodically adjusting payments based upon performance; and any other methodologies considered appropriate by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner would be required to report to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice and the Senate Committee on Judiciary the progress regarding the measures contained in the bill by the beginning of the 2014 Legislative Session.

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The Juvenile Justice Authority indicates that the fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2208 is unknown at this time. The specific programs, performance measures and payment methodologies authorized in the bill have yet to be planned or created.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Marcy Watson, JJA
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