

February 14, 2013

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 161 by Senator Pilcher-Cook, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 161 would establish an unborn child death certificate. This would replace the existing stillbirth certificate currently issued by the Office of Vital Statistics and would expand reporting of unborn child deaths to include death at any stage of pregnancy. In addition, reporting requirements would be extended from institutions, funeral directors, attorneys, and courts to physicians when an unborn child death occurs outside of an institution. The changes in the bill would be known as Meriden's Law.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$48,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Department of Health and Environment indicates that passage of SB 161 would increase expenditures from the Civil Registration and Health Statistics Fee Fund for the change in definition of unborn child and changes to reporting requirements. Changes in the bill would include those deaths that are currently considered miscarriages. This would result in a filing increase of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 certificates. The bill would also require database changes to add the category of OB/GYN, family practice physician, and Doctor of Osteopathy as

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new reporting groups in the Kansas Vital Statistics database. Currently the database includes hospitals, funeral directors, attorneys, and courts as those who file certificates. Changes to the Vital Statistics database system are estimated to be \$48,000. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 161 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE