

January 19, 2016

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 2447 by Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2447 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows inmates to earn program credits for the successful completion of a general education diploma, a technical or vocational training program, a substance abuse treatment program, or any other program designated by the Secretary of Corrections, that has been shown to reduce the offender's risk after release. HB 2447 would increase the amount of time from 90 days to 120 days that program credits could be earned and retained by an inmate.

The bill would remove an existing provision in current law that requires the Secretary of Corrections to make good time and program credit calculations no later than January 1, 2016. HB 2447 would specify that amendments passed by the 2015 Legislature would apply retroactively.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2447 would save 115 adult prison beds in FY 2017. As of January 15, 2016, the available bed capacity is 9,636. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2016 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will exceed available male capacity by 326 inmates in FY 2016 and 516 inmates in FY 2017.

Based on a contract rate of \$40 per day, the Department of Corrections estimates the bill would avoid costs of \$791,200 in FY 2017 to house inmates in contract beds. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2447 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Adam Pfannenstiel, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary