

February 2, 2015

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 105 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 105 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 105 would amend multiple statutes that incorporate the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) into Kansas law. UIFSA provides universal, uniform rules for the enforcement of family support orders. This bill would bring Kansas statutes in line with the most current UIFSA. In 2014, a federal law was enacted that required all states to enact the 2008 UIFSA by the end of their 2015 legislative session as a condition for continued receipt of federal child support funds. The amendments would, among other things, provide guidelines and procedures for the registration, enforcement and modification of certain foreign support orders.

Failure to enact these amendments verbatim during the 2015 legislative session could result in Kansas' loss of the IV-D child support federal funding and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant federal funding. A state must have an approved State IV-D plan in order to receive federal funding under title IV-D of the Act. State plan disapproval would result in immediate suspension of all federal payments for the State's child support enforcement program. The estimated federal share of expenditures for the Kansas IV-D program that would be at risk, including incentive payments for federal FY 2016, is \$21.9 million. In addition, the Act provides that the chief executive officer for a state must certify that the state will operate a child support program under an approved IV-D plan as a condition for eligibility for a TANF block grant. Therefore Kansas TANF funds might also be at risk. The estimated TANF block grant for Kansas in federal FY 2016 is \$101.9 million. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 105 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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