

February 15, 2016

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

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 408 by Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 408 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 408 would require reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in an institution operated by the Kansas Department of Corrections be reported to the Secretary of Corrections. The bill specifies that child abuse or neglect occurring at an institution operated by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services or the Kansas Department for Children and Families would be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

In addition, SB 408 would add new discretionary authority to the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Persons Unit of the Attorney General. The additional authority would include the following:

1. Participate in the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of persons, whether financial or physical;
2. Conduct investigations of suspected criminal abuse, neglect, or exploitation of persons;
3. Coordinate with and assist law enforcement agencies in the investigation of suspected criminal abuse, neglect, or exploitation of persons;
4. Coordinate with and assist the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Division of the Attorney General in the prevention, detection, and investigation of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of persons;
5. Work with the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and with child crime investigators; and
6. Assist in any investigation of adult or child abuse.

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The bill would require the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Persons Unit to give priority to preventing, detecting, and investigating abuse, neglect, or exploitation of senior citizens, the disabled, and vulnerable. When a state agency reports suspected abuse of an adult to law enforcement, the report would also be forwarded to the Attorney General.

The Attorney General indicates current staff would be reassigned to focus on major criminal abuse investigations as specified in SB 408 and the bill's provisions could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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