

February 23, 2016

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 437 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 437 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 437 would enact “Simon’s Law” that would require the following:

1. Physicians, health care facilities and nursing homes must provide written disclosure to patients or residents of any services they provide that involve life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment;
2. Written consent of a parent or legal guardian must be obtained before life sustaining treatment for persons under 18 years of age could be withheld.

Passage of SB 437 would have no fiscal effect for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts indicates that the bill could result in an increase in the number of complaints regarding practitioner violations of the requirements of the bill. The Board, however, is unable to estimate what the costs would be for the additional staff time spent on filing complaints and initiating investigations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 437 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Brad Ridley, Aging & Disability Services
Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts