

January 26, 2018

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 310 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 310 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 310 would change the definition of “escape” in the crimes of escape and aggravated escape from custody. Under current law, “escape” is defined as a “departure from custody without lawful authority or failure to return to custody following temporary leave lawfully granted pursuant to express authorization of law or, order of a court.” SB 310 would modify the definition to add “or by a custodial official authorized to grant such leave.”

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, the bill could increase the number of individuals who are charged with escape from custody because of the expanded definition; however, any fiscal effect upon the Judicial Branch would be negligible. The Kansas Sentencing Commission states there would be no effect on prison admissions or bed space resulting from the enactment of SB 310.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Kelly, Corrections
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities