

February 6, 2019

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2051 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2051 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2051 would remove the term “a drug offender” from the definitions in the Kansas Offender Registration Act and remove references to “drug offender.” Under current law, it is a class A misdemeanor of the Kansas Offender Registration Act for failing to remit payment to the sheriff’s office, if within 15 days of registration, full payment is not made. The bill would change the severity level to a class A nonperson misdemeanor. The bill would remove provisions making it a severity level nine felony in certain circumstances. As specified in the bill, certain offenses listed would be removed that would require a person to register as a drug offender.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2051 would have a negligible effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates enactment of HB 2051 would reduce 54 prison admissions in FY 2020 and 62 prison admissions by FY 2029. The Commission further estimates that enactment of the bill would reduce prison beds by 54 in FY 2020 and 77 by FY 2029. The Department of Corrections indicates it would avoid costs of \$97,848 from the State General Fund in FY 2020 resulting from reducing 54 prison beds. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2051 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Linda Kelly, Corrections