

February 14, 2020

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519C-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2590 by Representative Capps

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2590 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2590 would amend the Kansas Code for Care of Children. The bill would expand the sharing of information with law enforcement agencies concerning children and minors who are subject to the Child in Need of Care Code. The bill would also permit law enforcement agencies to access the Department for Children and Families (DCF) systems that contain information related to children for the purpose of ensuring the safety of any child and the child's family.

The Department for Children and Families states that there are 105 county law enforcement agencies in Kansas and at least another 200 local law enforcement agencies, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Fire Marshal, the Highway Patrol, and five school districts that have their own law enforcement departments. DCF estimates that smaller law enforcement agencies would require one license to access DCF systems, while larger law enforcement agencies would require up to five licenses. DCF indicates that enactment of HB 2590 could result in an average purchase of three licenses per law enforcement agency at a cost of \$676,203 from the State General Fund for FY 2021 and \$220,652 for FY 2022.

The Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) indicates that enactment of HB 2590 would have a sizeable fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. Currently, all child in need of care case files are sealed by statute. The bill would allow law enforcement agencies access to these files which would result in either increased workload for the district court clerks or increase programming costs for the case management system. OJA states that it is unable to determine an accurate fiscal effect until the courts have had the opportunity to work under the provisions of the bill.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Association of Counties, the Kansas Department of Corrections, the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that HB 2590 would not have a fiscal effect on their respective operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2590 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Larry L. Campbell  
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families  
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary  
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