

February 26, 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 2613 by Representative Samsel and Representative Lynn

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2613 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2613 would create the crime of harassment of a sports official and define the crime as intentionally hitting, spitting, kicking, menacing, threatening, impeding their path, directing obscene language or gestures towards the official, or using electronic means to communicate anonymously to harass. The penalty would be a class B person misdemeanor or, if the sports official is less than 18 years of age, a class A person misdemeanor. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the court would be able to order 40 hours of community service and counseling.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates the crime of harassment of a sports official. The Office indicates that this could increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Since the crime carries a misdemeanor penalty, the Office indicates that the bill could require additional supervision of offenders by court services officers. The bill could also result in the collection of additional docket fees, supervision fees, and fines assessed in such cases. However, a fiscal effect cannot be determined because the number of additional cases cannot be estimated.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission and the Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2613 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission