

February 28, 2011

The Honorable Steve Brunk, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brunk:

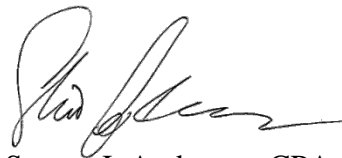
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2345 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2345 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2345 would amend current law to require the court to make reasonable efforts to provide notice of a temporary custody hearing to any known first-degree relatives of the child and anyone with whom the child has close emotional ties. Additionally, at the hearing, the court would require the parents or guardians to provide the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) with any available contact information for any known relatives and individuals with whom the child has close emotional ties. The court would also order the parent to disclose if any family member had American Indian affiliation.

Currently, the court provides notice of the initial hearing to all parents and grandparents. Diligent efforts must be made to identify and locate both parents and, if possible, personal service is required. A letter is sent by the court to all grandparents at their last known address. Passage of HB 2345 would require notice to the grandparents and additional relatives which could result in increased mailing costs. The Office of Judicial Administration states that the fiscal effect would not be significant and would not require additional resources.

Sincerely,



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