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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2200 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile

Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2200 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2200 would require the Secretary of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to enter into a memorandum of understanding by October 1, 2021 for administration of a risk and needs assessment regarding Children in Need of Care (CINC). A copy of the memorandum of understanding would be provided to specific legislative committees listed in the bill. The administration of the assessment would apply to children who during a CINC proceeding have been identified as exhibiting behavior that could lead to offending behavior. Based on the assessment certain children would be allowed to participate in Evidence-Based Community Programs. The bill would require DCF, DOC and the Judicial Branch to collaborate services provided to any eligible children.

The bill would extend the overall case length limits for completing an Evidence-Based Program when failure to complete is because of unspecified delays by the juvenile. The bill would make the extension unlimited in length by striking current requirements that extensions cannot exceed the overall case length limit. The bill would amend current requirements of DOC and the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee to explore methods of exchanging confidential data between all parts of the juvenile justice system by inserting a requirement that the DOC develop a system for exchanging data across all parts of the juvenile justice system by July 1, 2023. DOC would report progress on that data system to various legislative committees beginning the first day of the 2022 Session of the Legislature. The bill would authorize the use of funds in the Evidence-Based Programs account of the State General Fund to include juvenile offender families with their juvenile offender and children who were administered the risk and needs assessment under the

CINC code. The bill also adds language that would allow community mental health centers and other community-based service providers to administer evidence-based community programs and practices.

DOC indicates that the requirement in HB 2200 to develop a system for exchanging data across all parts of the juvenile justice system would cost \$4.3 million from the State General Fund. This could be addressed in a current proposal for Phase 2 of the DOC Athena information system project. The financing for the project is included in the Governor's budget at a cost of \$25.0 million dollars, which includes \$4.3 million for juvenile offenders. DOC indicates the other provisions of the bill could add additional costs that are not included in the Governor's budget. However, the Department is unable to estimate those costs.

DCF indicates that enactment of HB 2200 could increase DCF expenditures if there is a cost for using the DOC risk and needs assessment tool and if the services provided by DCF are not already provided to a juvenile or juvenile offender. DCF estimates the increase could range between \$6,000 to \$15,000 per family from all funding sources, including \$3,000 to \$7,500 from the State General Fund.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2200 would not have a significant fiscal effect on the Judiciary budget. The fiscal effect associated with developing a data system is included in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*. Any other fiscal effect associated with HB 2200 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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