

February 22, 2022

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 460 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

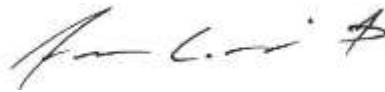
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 460 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 460 would create a program within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for the training and payment for Child Abuse Review and Evaluation (CARE) examinations and would establish definitions, requirements, and procedures related to CARE exams. When a CARE examination determines that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, the determination would be required to be reported in a completed review and provided to the Secretary of Health and Environment, the local law enforcement agency or designee, and the Attorney General's Office. The bill would also create the CARE Fund to be administered by KDHE.

KDHE reports that enactment of SB 460 would result in expenditures of \$819,100 in FY 2023, all from the State General Fund. The agency states that a total of 3.00 FTE positions would be needed and would include a reimbursement coordinator position to ensure proper reimbursement to CARE providers, a training and certification coordinator position to ensure the certification and training of CARE providers, and a position to track data on reimbursements and certification of providers. In addition to the new positions, the agency estimates expenditures related to CARE training will be approximately \$51,500, referral fees will be \$140,000, and reimbursements for CARE examinations will be \$450,000. Costs estimated by KDHE would be ongoing. The agency notes that the bill does not specify the funding source for the CARE Fund and the total revenues could not be estimated.

The Attorney General's Office states that enactment of the bill would require an additional 1.00 FTE position to handle CARE exam reviews and referrals. The agency estimates related costs to exceed \$100,000, though an exact fiscal effect could not be estimated. The Office of Judicial Administration, the Department for Children and Families (DCF), the Kansas Association of Counties, and the League of Kansas Municipalities state enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch, DCF, or Kansas cities and counties. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 460 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Kim Holter, Children & Families
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities
Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General