

February 23, 2017

The Honorable Jacob LaTurner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator LaTurner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 121 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 121 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 121 would enact the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act. The bill would amend current law by reducing the number and types of felony convictions that would cause an offender to be found in violation of criminal possession of a weapon. It would also provide that the law's prohibitions do not apply to any person who has had the relevant conviction expunged, or who has been pardoned for the applicable felony. In addition, the bill would provide that a person whose arrest, conviction or diversion for a crime has been expunged would have the right to keep and bear arms fully restored. The bill would strike language that says an expunged record may be provided to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of supplying data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine a person's qualification to possess a firearm. Other reconciling amendments would be made to the expungement statute.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that any fiscal effect which may result with the enactment of SB 121 would be negligible. The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates SB 121 could have a fiscal effect on prison admissions and beds, and the journal entry workload of the Commission, but an amount cannot be determined.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Linda Kelly, Corrections