

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 180 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 180 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 180 would require any candidate for a law enforcement position, who has been employed by another state or local law enforcement agency or governmental agency, to authorize each of those prior employers to release the applicant's files to the hiring agency. The candidate would also be required to release the hiring agency and the prior employers from liability related to the use and disclosure of the files. The bill would prohibit a candidate who refuses to authorize the release of this information from being hired by the agency. The bill specifies the time period within which the prior employer must disclose the files, the means by which they may be provided to the hiring agency, and the person who will be the official custodian of the files at the hiring agency. These files would not be subject to a request for inspection and copying under the Kansas Open Records Act.

According to the Attorney General and the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Training and Standards, enactment of SB 180 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Gary Steed, Peace Officers
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General