

February 2, 2021

The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson
House Committee on Children and Seniors
Statehouse, Room 149A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2151 by House Committee on Children and Seniors

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2151 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2151 would direct the Attorney General to appoint a Kansas elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary team coordinator. The coordinator would be directed to facilitate the convening of an elder and dependent adult multidisciplinary team in each judicial district. The bill includes the members, duties, powers, and meeting requirements of the teams. The bill addresses related confidentiality of records and open meeting exemptions. The multidisciplinary teams would be directed to coordinate investigations of elder and dependent adult abuse and identify opportunities to improve policies and procedures for the notification of and response to elder or dependent adult abuse.

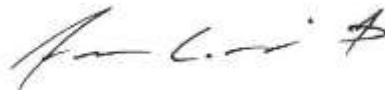
The Attorney General would be directed to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the implementation and use of the multidisciplinary teams. The bill would require the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to assist in any investigation or discussion by the multidisciplinary team.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that HB 2151 would increase expenditures by \$97,077 from State General Fund for FY 2022. The increased expenditures would include salary and benefit costs of \$67,232 for 1.00 FTE Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator position and other operating expenses of \$29,845.

The Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate that enactment of HB 2151 would have no fiscal effect on the agencies or counties, respectively.

HB 2151 has the potential for increasing the number of cases filed in district courts and could result in collection of additional docket fees in those cases. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2151 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 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: Connie Hubbell, Aging & Disability Services
Kim Holter, Children & Families
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Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General
Jay Hall, Association of Counties