

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

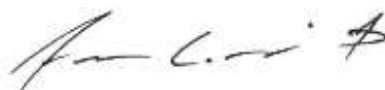
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 7 by Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 7 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of Corrections, upon the approval of the Prisoner Review Board, may release an inmate residing in a Kansas correctional facility if a doctor licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas determines that the person has a medical condition that is likely to cause death within 30 days. If the person does not die within 30 days, the released inmate is subject to revocation. SB 7 would increase the number of days a doctor must deem an inmate likely to die or be subject to revocation to 120 days.

Based upon a review of medical cases of inmates currently incarcerated, the Department of Corrections estimates that approximately ten people per year could be eligible for consideration for terminal medical release if the period was extended to 120 days. For comparison, from FY 2016 to FY 2020 the Department received approximately one application per year under the 30-day period. The Department indicates it could absorb any increases in workload within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 7 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections