February 4, 2019

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2050 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2050 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2050 would make the following changes concerning post release supervision:

1. Remove the ability of the court to specifically withhold authority from court services and community corrections to impose probation violations sanctions;
2. Add language stating that the court would authorize an additional 18 days of confinement in county jail to be reserved for sanctions;
3. Remove references that currently allow for 120-day and 180-day prison sanctions;
4. Mandate that once a violator has at least one intermediate sanction imposed, the court could impose confinement in a county jail not to exceed 60 days; and
5. Add a provision stating that if the court continues or modifies the probation, assignment to a community correctional services program, suspension of sentence, or non-prison sanction, the court would authorize an additional 18 days of sanction time in a county jail.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates enactment of HB 2050 would reduce 1,215 prison admissions in FY 2020 and 1,389 prison admissions in FY 2029. The Commission further estimates that enactment of the bill would reduce prison beds by 148 in FY 2020 and 158 by FY 2029. The Department of Corrections indicates it would avoid costs of $268,176 from the State General Fund in FY 2020 resulting from reducing 148 prison beds. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2050 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.
The Kansas Association of Counties estimates if there is an increase in the offender population subject to post release supervision, then county court service and supervision officers could experience increased caseloads.

Sincerely,

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