

February 19, 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 2371 by House Committee on Children and Seniors

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2371 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

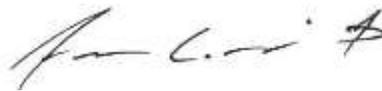
HB 2371 would remove the requirement that individuals cooperate with child support services to be eligible for food and childcare assistance. The bill would also exempt adults enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school or postsecondary educational institution from meeting the 20-hour weekly work requirement to be eligible for childcare assistance.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$823,816	\$3,245,325
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	15.00

The Department for Children and Families indicates that HB 2371 would increase the caseload for child care assistance. The Department estimates the caseload for child care assistance could increase an average of 130 cases per month for FY 2022, which would require additional expenditures of \$1,382,298 from federal funds. The agency estimates cases would increase to an average of 370 cases per month in FY 2023 resulting in additional costs of \$4,129,985 in FY 2023 from federal funds. The estimates assume 24 months of child care assistance would be provided from the removal of the work requirement for adults in school. The Department estimates the caseload would level off in FY 2024 at an average increase of 480 cases per month.

The Department indicates it would also need to add 15.00 FTE human services positions at a cost of \$863,027 from all funding source in FY 2022, including \$388,276 from the State General Fund. Additionally, the bill would change eligibility requirements that could require information technology changes. The agency estimates that these one-time costs could be \$1.0 million from all funding sources in FY 2022, including \$435,540 from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2371 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: Kim Holter, Children & Families