

February 16, 2022

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 497 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 497 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 497 would expand the current human trafficking training coordination to specify that the Attorney General, in consultation with other state agencies, would be authorized to coordinate training regarding alleged human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child for law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas. The bill would also require law enforcement agencies to implement a coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to intervention of reports involving alleged human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child. The bill would require that certain child welfare agencies, juvenile justice agencies, mental health professionals, educational institution personnel, and child care service personnel to complete one hour of training each fiscal year on human trafficking awareness and identification that is developed and approved by the Attorney General.

The Office of the Attorney General states that its trainings on human trafficking already conforms to the multidisciplinary team approach described in the bill. The Office indicates that it could develop and approve the one-hour training using existing resources. The Office would record an online training video conforming to the requirements of the bill and make it available on its website free of charge.

The Board of Regents states that enactment of SB 497 would affect state universities, Washburn University, community colleges and technical colleges since the bill would require those employees to complete one hour of training annually. The Board indicates that approximately 31,000 employees within the postsecondary education system would be required to take the training and that if the training would be provided by the Attorney General free of charge there would be no fiscal effect. The State Board of Education indicates that SB 497 would have no fiscal effect and would have a negligible fiscal effect on school districts. However, since the

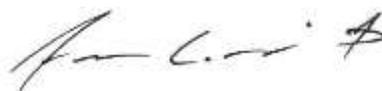
Attorney General indicates that it would provide a training video free of charge, educational institutions should not have a fiscal effect.

The Department for Children and Families and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services both state that SB 497 would include specific positions within both agencies that would be required to have training described in the bill. However, any additional expenditures would be absorbed within existing resources.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board states that individuals licensed by the Board already are required to receive continuing education hours and the new requirement added by the bill would be satisfied within the hours already required. The Department of Corrections estimates that the Attorney General would provide the training and therefore there would be no fiscal effect on the Department of Corrections. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas Highway Patrol both indicate that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of either agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 497 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that training costs, including travel, could increase expenditures but a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas League of Municipalities states that the bill could have a negligible fiscal effect on cities, but any additional costs would be absorbed within existing resources. However, the cities and counties should not have a fiscal effect since the Attorney General indicates that it will provide online training free of charge.

Sincerely,



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