

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

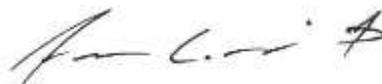
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 85 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 85 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 85 would require foster care case management contractors to provide notification to the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) of any child who is reported missing within a time period established by DCF, not to exceed 24 hours, any time the contractor knows or has reason to know a child assigned to the contractor has gone missing or spent any overnight period in a facility under the control of the contractor. DCF would be required to notify the Governor within 24 hours of receiving the notice and each member of the Legislature and the official newspaper of the county where the child went missing or, if the county does not have an official newspaper, then a newspaper of general circulation in any county, within 48 hours of the notice. The bill would require DCF to assess a fine against the contractor of \$500 per day for each day that a foster care case management contractor does not notify DCF of a child who has gone missing or spent any overnight period in a facility under the control of the contractor.

DCF indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. According to DCF, much of this monitoring is already being done. DCF assumes that reporting information to newspapers would have no additional cost. DCF also indicates that the fiscal effect of the \$500 fines imposed on contractors is not possible to estimate at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 85 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families