February 29, 2012

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2632 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2632 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Upon receiving information that any person is a high-risk missing person, HB 2632 would require the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to provide information about the missing person to every law enforcement agency in the state. All Kansas law enforcement agencies would be required to accept and process any report of any missing person. Kansas law enforcement agencies would be required to gather information as specified in the bill about the missing person, possible abductors, or any other individual last seen with the missing person. If the person continues to remain missing, a law enforcement agency would be required to continue to accept and gather information concerning the missing person at all times. Upon receiving information of a high-risk missing person, a law enforcement agency would be required to immediately determine whether the person is a high-risk missing person. The bill defines a “high-risk missing person” as any person who is at heightened risk of bodily harm or death, including, but not limited to, persons missing:

1. As a result of an abduction;
2. Under suspicious or known dangerous circumstances;
3. More than 30 days;
4. Who have been designated as high-risk missing persons by another law enforcement agency; or
5. Under any facts or circumstances that would lead the law enforcement agency to believe that the person may be at risk of bodily harm or death.
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The KBI indicates if law enforcement is required to submit an increased amount of information to its Missing Persons System, it would need to expand the amount of information that could be submitted to the system. The agency states that if it is required to capture the information in its system, rather than relying on the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Crime Information Center to capture the information, it estimates additional expenditures of $450,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2013 to reprogram its system. The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) estimates it would need $8,125 from the KHP Operations Fund to train all of its law enforcement officers on the bill’s provisions. Any additional expenditures from the KHP Operations Fund would require a corresponding transfer from the Kansas Department of Transportation’s State Highway Fund. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill would put additional responsibilities upon local city police departments and further notes that the bill does not providing a funding mechanism. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2632 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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