

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Bob Bethell, Chairperson
House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care
Statehouse, Room 055-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bethell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2656 by House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2656 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2656 would transfer all powers, duties and functions of the Adult Protective Services Program (APS) of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to the Office of the Attorney General as of January 1, 2013.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$444,365	\$444,365
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

SRS states that it would transfer to the Attorney General funding for one program manager, 14.00 FTE positions in the integrated Kansas Protection Report Center, and 71.00 FTE positions in the regional offices. Staff in the Kansas Protection Report Center centralize abuse, neglect and exploitation reports for children and adults. Regional staff investigate reports and provide case management. The following table shows funding that would be transferred:

Item	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Expenditures			
Salaries	(\$2,661,236)	(\$4,634,971)	(\$4,669,609)
Communications	(43,731)	(89,612)	(91,848)
Repair & Servicing	(1,290)	(2,666)	(2,752)
Travel	(4,945)	(10,148)	(10,406)
Vehicle Supplies	(4,945)	(10,148)	(10,406)
Office Supplies	(15,265)	(31,304)	(32,078)
Assistance	(190,000)	(380,000)	(380,000)
Total	(\$2,921,412)	(\$5,158,849)	(\$5,197,099)
Positions	(86.00)	(86.00)	(86.00)
Financing			
State General Fund	(\$2,921,412)	(\$5,158,849)	(\$5,197,099)

The table represents savings for SRS and additional expenditures for the Office of the Attorney General. However, the above costs do not include additional expenditures that the Office of the Attorney General is likely to incur, such as housing the call center and regional staff and developing and implementing an automated case management system.

The Office of the Attorney General states that it currently maintains a case management system to track the activities of the agency. At this time no determination has been made as to whether the current case management system could be adapted to accommodate the current system utilized by the APS, or if a new case management system would have to be implemented.

SRS currently operates a telephone call reporting center that centralizes abuse, neglect and exploitation reports for children and adults. HB 2656 does not address whether one agency would operate the existing call reporting center, or if a second reporting center is envisioned. The SRS fiscal effect scenario assumes that 14 positions from the existing call center would be transferred to the Office of the Attorney General. If the Office of the Attorney General would take on the responsibility of operating an equivalent call center, the Office would incur one-time costs to set-up the new call center and recurring costs to keep the call center operational. The agency is unable to determine this cost.

While the SRS funding transfer includes funding for communications, travel, and supplies, the Office of the Attorney General's estimate for these annual costs is \$23,000 higher than the SRS estimate for funds to be transferred. In addition, rent is not included. The Office of the Attorney General estimates annual rental expenditures of \$282,750 for regional offices to house staff. It is unknown whether there would be a need to purchase new computers for the transferring staff. The agency's estimate for start-up costs, including the purchase of new computers, desks, printers, file cabinets, phone systems and moving costs totals \$291,490. The Office of the Attorney General also states that transportation costs should be considered. Most of the staff consists of field social workers. The Office of the Attorney General utilizes rental cars, while SRS has a fleet of vehicles that the APS workers use, along with all other SRS workers. Relying on rental cars would not be a practical alternative, as the workers must respond quickly to these calls and would not have the opportunity to provide the 24 hours advance notice

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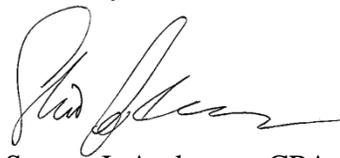
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required by the rental car company. The number or cost of state-owned vehicles that would be required has not been estimated.

Combining the estimates from both agencies, passage of HB 2656 would require additional State General Fund expenditures of at least \$444,365 in FY 2013. This amount includes the \$291,490 start-up costs and one half of the annual rent costs and additional operating costs, \$152,875. This estimate does not include additional costs for vehicles or opening a call center. For FY 2014 and beyond, additional State General Fund expenditures would be at least \$305,750. The effect associated with HB 2656 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, SRS
Megan Henry, Attorney General's Office