

March 1, 2012

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2740 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2740 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2740 would change the qualifications necessary to be a court appointed case manager for mediation of child visitation or parenting time disputes. Currently a case manager must be qualified to conduct mediation, have experience as a mediator, attend a case management workshop, and participate in continuing education. HB 2740 would require the case manager to be a licensed psychologist, counselor, marriage and family therapist, master social worker, clinical social worker, or Kansas lawyer with four years of experience in domestic relations law or family law. In addition, the case worker would be required to have mediated at least ten domestic relations cases, attended workshops as ordered by the district court and participated in continuing education curriculum as established and approved by the court. Current court appointed case managers would have until October 1, 2012, to meet these qualifications.

Passage of HB 2740 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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