

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 204 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 204 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 204 concerns visitation with a child that has been removed from the parents' custody. The bill would prohibit shortening the time of an approved visitation due to tardiness. In the case that a party is late for a visit, reasonable accommodations would be required to extend the scheduled visitation or to add such time to another scheduled visitation.

The Department for Children and Families states that the additional staff time required to accommodate the tardy visitor could be absorbed within current resources. The Office of Judicial Administration states that while it is possible that additional hearings would be requested to contest whether visitation times were appropriately adjusted or accommodated, a significant number of additional hearings is not anticipated. Therefore, SB 204 is not expected to affect Judicial Branch revenues or expenditures.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary