

January 30, 2024

The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson
House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2580 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

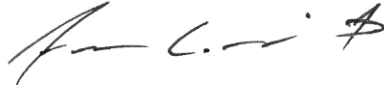
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2580 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2580 would amend the revised Kansas Code for Care of Children by permitting the court to consent to mental, emotional, or behavioral health screenings and treatment, including the release and inspection of mental, emotional, or behavioral health records for children under the jurisdiction of the court, other than inpatient treatment at a state psychiatric hospital, including the release and inspection of medical or hospital records. A child or parent who is opposed to a mental health screening and/or treatment, could request a hearing. The bill would also grant immunity to any health care providers who provide such screenings and treatment and would define “behavioral health crisis” and “behavioral health treatment.”

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2580 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch because it allows a parent or child to request a hearing if desired. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2580, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on any other revenues to the Judicial Branch.

The Department for Children and Families and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicate that enactment of HB 2580 would have no fiscal effect on the agencies. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2580 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt".

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families
Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services