

February 1, 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 2553 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2553 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2553 would require law enforcement agencies to report information related to missing children under the custody of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to the missing persons file of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the missing and unidentified person system (“clearinghouse”) of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In addition, information would be required to be provided to public media outlets and posted to “social media platforms” by law enforcement agencies, in a manner similar to an Amber Alert.

The bill would require DCF to obtain non-driver identification cards for any child in need of care and provides for certain restrictions on the handling of such identification, to include specific restrictions on the handling of fingerprints and photographs. The bill would require DCF to report information related to the human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of any child to law enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children within 24 hours. Additional notifications would be required by DCF for individuals or related organizations as specified in the bill, with an exception in case of a determination by law enforcement that such a notification would negatively impact a criminal investigation. The bill would also provide for oversight over both law enforcement and DCF for compliance of its provisions by the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight.

DCF indicates HB 2553 would require DCF to obtain an identification card for every child in foster care. The current cost of a Kansas identification card is \$22.00 each and a renewal is needed every six years. Based on that information along with the number of children currently in

foster care, the number of children entering care annually, and that 7.0 percent of children in out of home care would need a renewal after six years the table below reflects assumed costs to DCF.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026 through FY 2031</u>	<u>FY 2031 and Beyond Ongoing Costs</u>
Children in foster care as of 12/31/2023	5,922	\$130,284	\$ --	\$ --
Children entering care annually (FY 23)	2,960	65,120	65,120	65,120
Children in foster care needing renewals	409	--	--	8,998
Total		\$195,404	\$65,120	\$74,118
<u>Financing</u>				
State General Fund		\$172,835	\$57,599	\$65,557
Federal Funds		22,569	7,521	8,561
Total		\$195,404	\$65,120	\$74,118

The number of children in care and being removed into care fluctuates annually, these estimates are using most recent data. There are various training components required by the bill, some of this is currently being provided, but what is not currently provided can be incorporated into the current training for DCF staff and provider staff without any development expense or additional resources.

Law enforcement would be primarily responsible for obtaining specific identifying information of the child; however, there are some requirements which would impact DCF and the Child Welfare Case Management Providers (CMP), particularly the inclusion of obtaining and forwarding medical and dental records to law enforcement and the need for additional training for staff. An additional 4.00 FTE Specialist positions would be required to do the work adequately and timely across the state. See the table below for position costs combined with the Kansas ID costs for the overall fiscal impact.

<u>Item</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Funding for CMP Positions	\$259,975	\$255,998	\$258,056	\$260,124
Kansas ID Costs	195,404	65,120	65,120	65,120
Total	\$455,379	\$321,198	\$323,176	\$325,244
<u>Financing</u>				
State General Fund	\$302,823	\$185,638	\$186,627	\$187,661
Federal Funds	152,556	135,560	136,549	137,583
Total	\$455,379	\$321,198	\$323,176	\$325,244

DCF provided additional information in comparison to 2021 HB 1019 from Arizona. Arizona provides for a photo for those youth who do not qualify for a non-operating ID. HB 2553 does not have that provision.

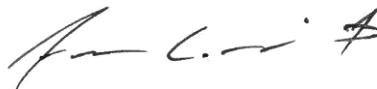
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation indicates that HB 2553 would directly relate to the Kansas Missing Persons Clearinghouse (MPC), the bill provisions can be implemented as written with no additional changes. The MPC is built to receive the information as entered by law enforcement when a NCIC missing person entry is made and is therefore largely reliant on the fields available in NCIC for missing person entries. The Bureau's assumption is this information is being entered by local law enforcement.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2553 would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch and would not have a fiscal effect on revenues.

The Kansas Highway Patrol and the Office of the Attorney General indicate that HB 2533 would have no fiscal effect on expenditures for the agencies. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2553 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that HB 2553 would have no fiscal effect on counties to locate a missing child, as there are no new responsibilities allocated specifically to counties. The costs of additional training required would be absorbed.

Sincerely,



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