

Bill number: HB 2529 Due date: 1/27/2026Responding agency: Office of the Kansas Attorney GeneralPrepared by: Chase Bond DOB Analyst: Leyton Gunn**Fiscal Impact**State—Would this bill have a fiscal effect on your agency? Yes ☐ No ☒Local—Would this bill have a fiscal effect on local government? Yes ☐ No ☒Tax Revenue—Would this bill affect State General Fund revenues? Yes ☐ No ☒Fee or Other Revenue—Would this bill affect revenues to other state funds? Yes ☐ No ☒Comparable program from another state available for reference? Yes ☐ No ☒

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>
Expenditures			
State General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fee Fund(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenues			
State General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fee Fund(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FTE Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00

Bill Description

*Briefly describe what the legislation does. Describe the change(s) from current law that would drive an increase or decrease in expenditures or revenues. If federal funds are affected by the bill in some way, explain that relationship as well. Note any technical or mechanical defects with the bill (bill drafting errors only, do not include commentary as to whether the bill should be enacted or not). **Please include an explanation of the assumptions used when determining increases or decreases in revenues or expenditures.***

HB2529 updates Kansas grand jury procedures by requiring judicial review of citizen petitions before signatures are collected and by penalizing fraud in the petition process. It also limits liability for good-faith participants and prohibits diversion agreements following a citizen grand jury indictment and amends multiple statutes.

Methodology and Assumptions for Fiscal Effect Estimate

Expenditures: Detail the methodology and assumptions made in preparing the cost estimate. Describe agency expenditures that would become necessary with passage of the bill and how workload assumptions translate into the cost estimates. The estimate for any new position should be detailed to show the salary, benefits and associated other operating costs (such as a computer or other equipment). Distinguish between one-time and ongoing costs.

Revenues: Describe the methodology and assumptions used in estimating the bill's effect on revenues. Detail the source of the revenue—is it a tax, agency earning, fee income or a federal reimbursement—and the fund that would receive the revenue. Distinguish between one-time and ongoing revenue changes estimated to result from passage of the bill.

The Office of the Kansas Attorney General does not anticipate a direct fiscal impact on the agency. The bill grants the Office discretion to accept or decline referrals for prosecution, which is consistent with authority already provided under existing law.

This bill carries an elevated risk of litigation. At this time, the Office is unable to estimate the potential costs associated with any such litigation.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

If the bill affects future years, beyond those shown in the table above, explain the long-term fiscal effect—are the revenues stable over the long term or would there be a phase-in of costs or revenues; if the bill ends at a specific future date, indicate this as well.

The Office of the Kansas Attorney General does not anticipate any long-term fiscal considerations.

Local Government Fiscal Effect

If the bill affects local governments, identify which local governments would be affected (e.g., cities, counties, school districts, water districts, etc.). Describe the bill's fiscal effect to the local governments.

The Office of the Kansas Attorney General does not predict that there will be any fiscal effect onto local government.

References/Sources

If there are supporting documents or spreadsheets explaining calculations or assumptions, please attach them. Be specific when citing the methodology used to calculate the fiscal effect of this legislation. Are there examples of actual costs or revenue changes from similar legislation passed in other states? If so, please detail how the estimated fiscal effect in Kansas compares to that of other states, and identify any programmatic differences that would lead to a fiscal effect that is different in Kansas than in other states.

If you have questions, please contact the Budget Analyst assigned to this fiscal note.