

February 9, 2026

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 448 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 448 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

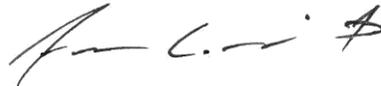
SB 448 would authorize healthcare workers to provide expedited partner therapy to patients who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. Among the provisions regarding when expedited partner therapy may be administered, the bill would specify that a child who is 16 years of age or older may consent to receive expedited partner therapy when no parent or legal guardian is immediately available. Healthcare providers and pharmacists would not be liable for civil damages or subject to disciplinary actions by the State Board of Healing Arts, the Board of Nursing, or the State Board of Pharmacy resulting from any act or omission in good faith compliance with the provisions of the bill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment would be responsible for developing and providing written materials containing information on expedited partner therapy and related health matters. The Department would also be required to adopt necessary rules and regulations for administering the bill.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of SB 448 would increase expenditures by \$49,940, including \$47,840 from the State General Fund, in FY 2026 and \$160,827, including \$85,040 from the State General Fund, in FY 2027. The agency states that the direct purchase of the primary medications used to treat sexually transmitted diseases and positive sexually transmitted infection cases from 2020-2024 were calculated using the current prices via the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. Jurisdictions that permit expedited partner therapy have seen index cases result in at least one partner receiving expedited partner therapy. For Kansas, the agency anticipates this would result in increased expenditures to purchase additional primary medications. Regardless of the disease, current pricing shows Kansans could

be treated for \$20 to \$25 per patient. These expenditures would be ongoing but would decrease in future years as sexually transmitted diseases would likely decline and reduce the future burden of purchasing medications. Also included in the estimate is \$73,514 for the salary, benefits, and administrative costs for 1.00 additional position, beginning in FY 2027, to facilitate ordering and shipping of the medications to covered entities. In addition, the agency estimates \$2,000 would be needed to produce and provide education materials required by the bill. Counties that have higher incident rates of sexually transmitted diseases or infections could need to increase public health nursing staff to handle the increased patient flow for treatment and education, but a total fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, and the Board of Pharmacy report that enactment of the bill would not result in a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 448 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment  
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts  
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy  
Jill Simons, Board of Nursing