

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2159 by Representatives Proctor and Hoheisel

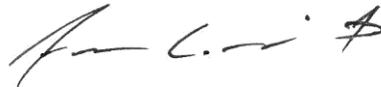
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2159 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2159 would create the Emergency Opioid Antagonists Assistance Grant Fund within the Office of the Attorney General. On July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, the Director of Accounts and Reports would be required to transfer \$4.0 million from the State General Fund to the new fund. Money in the fund would be used to provide assistance to law enforcement agencies to purchase emergency antagonists for officers to carry while on duty. The Attorney General would develop and implement the Emergency Opioid Antagonists Assistance Program. A law enforcement officer who in good faith and with reasonable care administers an opioid antagonist to a person experiencing a suspected opioid overdose would not be subject to civil liability, criminal prosecution, or disciplinary action by a professional licensure entity or professional review. The bill would remove law enforcement officer from the definition of first responder.

The Office of the Attorney General states that any additional workload created by the bill would be absorbed within existing resources. The Judicial Branch, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Kansas Highway Patrol state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities state that enactment of the bill could offset expenditures if cities and counties are awarded grant funds. However, the Association and the League cannot estimate the fiscal effect of the bill.

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: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Paul Weisgerber, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Sherry Macke, Kansas Highway Patrol
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary