

March 11, 2025

The Honorable Avery Anderson, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 118-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Anderson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2381 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2381 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2381 would create the Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Program that would be overseen and implemented by the Attorney General. The Attorney General would be required to enter into a contract with a private vendor for firearm detection software that would be utilized by a public entity or an accredited nonpublic school. The software would detect and alert building personnel and first responders regarding the presence of a visible, unholstered firearm; would be fully designated as a qualified anti-terrorism technology under the federal SAFETY Act; would integrate with a building's security camera infrastructure; would be directly managed by the contracted vendor through a constantly monitored operations center; and would be developed in the United States without the use of any third-party or open-source data.

A public entity or an accredited nonpublic school could apply to the Attorney General for the authorization to use the firearm detection software, which would specify the buildings where the software would be used. The bill would also establish the Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Fund within the Office of the Attorney General. On July 1, 2025, the bill would require \$20.0 million to be transferred from the State General Fund to the new fund. Annually, on or before the first day of the regular legislative session starting in 2026, the Attorney General would submit a report summarizing the Program to certain committees listed in the bill.

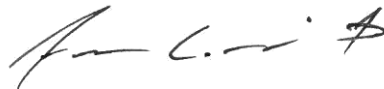
The Office of the Attorney General states that it would require \$147,724 in FY 2026 and \$84,811 in FY 2027 from the new Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Fund. Of the amount for FY 2026, \$62,366 would be for 1.00 Program Consultant position, \$66,952 would be for 0.50

Assistant Attorney General position to promulgate rules and regulations, and \$18,406 would be for related operating expenditures. The Assistant Attorney General position would only be required in FY 2026. The amount for FY 2027 includes a 5.0 percent increase over FY 2026 for the Program Consultant position and related operating expenditures. The Attorney General cannot estimate how much it would cost to contract with a vendor for the required software; however, the Office of the Attorney General would utilize the Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Fund to accomplish the provisions of the bill. The Office does indicate that when the balance of the new fund is depleted, the Office would need State General Fund to finance the Program Consultant position and any ongoing operating expenditures, including software maintenance.

The Department of Education states that school districts could apply for this grant, but it cannot estimate how many. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operating expenditures of the Department though. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2381 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for law enforcement agencies to enforce provisions of the bill. However, the League cannot estimate a fiscal effect. The Kansas Association of Counties states that the cost of software, maintenance, and other ancillary expenditures to integrate the software with current security programs would have a fiscal effect on counties. However, the Association cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
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