



February 10, 2026

The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2651 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2651 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2651 would allow the father of a child born to an unmarried mother to complete an acknowledgment of paternity. The bill would allow either party to revoke the acknowledgment within 60 days of signing or prior to the date of any administrative or judicial proceeding relating to the child to establish a support order. After this deadline, the bill would allow the acknowledgement to be challenged only on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake. The provisions of the bill would be applied retroactively, would allow a person under 18 to challenge an acknowledgement until they turn 19, and would require the court to consider the child's best interests before revoking an acknowledgment.

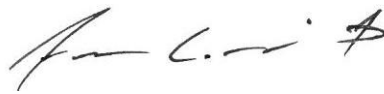
The Department of Health and Environment indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$33,319 in FY 2027 for a 0.5 FTE position and updates to its system. Of this amount, \$28,319 would be for salaries and wages and \$5,000 would be for system changes. The Department notes that the Office of Vital Statistics would need to work with the Department for Children and Families to revise certain forms and an additional 0.5 FTE position would be needed to revise forms and perform system testing.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could lead to increased litigation regarding paternity cases. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also result in the collection of docket fees in cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which

would be deposited in the State General Fund. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Department for Children and Families indicates the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Department notes that the bill could result in increased litigation caused by parties challenging open paternity cases with genetic tests. The Department notes that in calendar year 2024, 10,403 children of 12,578 children born to an unmarried mother were born with signed consent. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2651 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
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