Adam C. Proffitt, Director



Laura Kelly, Governor

February 16, 2025

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 236 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 236 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 236 would authorize victims of childhood abuse or neglect to access records related to substantiated reports or investigations of abuse or neglect. The bill would grant access to agency records for individuals who are 18 or older and were the subject of substantiated abuse or neglect investigations. Any information that would identify the person who reported the abuse or neglect would be redacted.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Expenditures			
State General Fund		\$53,729	\$53,291
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund		23,191	23,002
Total Expenditures		\$76,920	\$76,293
Revenues			
State General Fund			
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Revenues			
FTE Positions		1.00	1.00

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According to the Department for Children and Families, enactment of SB 236 would increase expenditures for the agency. The agency states it would need an additional 1.00 legal assistant position that would review, redact, and provide files in the appropriate amount of time for all requests statewide. The total cost would be \$76,920, including \$53,729 from the State General Fund for FY 2026 and would have on-going costs with slight adjustments to salaries and other operating expenses in the out-years. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 236 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families Trisha Morrow, Judiciary