



February 4, 2026

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 446 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 446 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

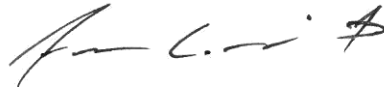
SB 446 would specify that licensed social workers are not required to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child under certain conditions when a licensed social worker is working under the supervision of an attorney. The bill would allow an attorney to require a licensed social worker with reporting obligations to maintain confidentiality of information under certain conditions in compliance with the attorney's ethical obligation when the licensed social worker is working under the supervision of such attorney. The bill would specify that a licensed social worker is not required to testify fully as to the disclosure by a child who was a victim or subject to a crime if that information was acquired while under the supervision of an attorney providing services to a client in a case or a prospective client sought representation in a case and that information was obtained solely in the course of that work under the supervision of the attorney.

The bill would also exempt licensed social workers from reporting certain information to a public official if that information was acquired while under the supervision of an attorney providing services to a client in a case or a prospective client sought representation in a case and that information was obtained solely in the course of that work under the supervision of the attorney.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing resources. The Department for

Children and Families indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 446 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
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families