

February 25, 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 492 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 492 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 492 would require any information acquired during a hiring process that would cause a reasonable person to believe that the applicant has committed a crime would be required to be provided to a state or local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction where the crime is alleged to have occurred. If an applicant is a currently licensed or certified law enforcement officer in any jurisdiction or currently employed as a law enforcement officer, any information acquired during the hiring process that would cause a reasonable person to believe that the applicant has committed a crime or engaged in conduct that would result in a licensing or certification sanction would be required to be provided to the following agencies: (1) the licensing or certifying authority; (2) the state or local law enforcement agency where the applicant was employed at the time of the conduct; or (3) the state or local law enforcement agency where the applicant is currently employed.

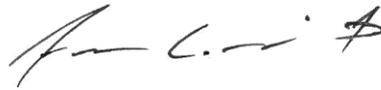
The Office of Judicial Administration states the bill's enactment could increase the number of cases filed in district court if crimes are discovered as part of the background check process, which would increase the time spent by judges and court employees processing and hearing cases. The Office indicates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees for those cases filed under the bill's provisions, which would be deposited into the State General Fund; however, a fiscal effect cannot.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Kansas Highway Patrol state enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) states the agency works on public corruption cases across Kansas and estimates law enforcement agencies would

refer cases to the agency. The KBI estimates referrals may occur because of a conflict with a local law enforcement agency completing an investigation on their own employee. The KBI did not estimate a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 492 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Both the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties state if the bill is enacted, there could be a fiscal effect on local governments because procedures would have to be developed to implement the bill's requirement to share records; however, the League and the Association did not estimate a fiscal effect.

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: Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties  
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