

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 552-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

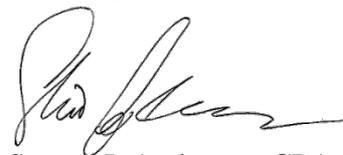
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 91 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 91 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 91 would require all licensed medical care facilities that provide emergency care to sexual assault survivors to amend their evidence-collection protocols for treatment of the survivor to include information about emergency contraception as a means of preventing pregnancy, the proper use of the contraception, and appropriate follow-up care. The bill does not require a facility to provide emergency contraception to a survivor who is not at risk of becoming pregnant or is already pregnant. Each facility would provide training to emergency room staff about the efficacy of emergency contraception and the time-sensitive nature of the drug. The bill encourages licensed pharmacies and agencies offering victim assistance or counseling and rape crisis hotlines to distribute or include information about the availability and use of emergency contraception.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, enactment of SB 91 could require municipally operated medical facilities to amend evidence collection protocols and to train staff. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of medical facilities that would need to update protocols and need additional training in order to comply with the provisions of SB 91.

Sincerely,



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