

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Gregory Smith, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Smith:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 196 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 196 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 196 would provide confidentiality to certain communications made by participants or counselors during peer support counseling sessions conducted for law enforcement and emergency service agencies.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI), and the Emergency Medical Services Board each report that SB 196 would have no fiscal effect. The KBI notes that it currently has an employee assistance program and offers peer support counseling sessions. Staff who are trained counselors facilitate sessions on an as-needed basis.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Shelia Sawyer-Tyler, KBI
Joe House, EMS
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