

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 41 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 41 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 41 would establish the crime of assault of a public transportation employee, which would be a class B person misdemeanor. The bill would also establish the crime of battery against a public transportation employee, which would be a class A person misdemeanor. A public transportation provider would be allowed to bar a person convicted of either crime from using public transportation services. The bill would define “public transportation employee.”

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, SB 41 could increase the number of cases filed under the bill’s provisions, which could cause judicial and non-judicial staff to spend more time processing, researching, and hearing cases. Since the new crimes established in the bill are misdemeanors, court service officers may have additional offenders to supervise. The bill could also result in the collection of docket fees from those cases filed under the provisions of SB 41. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates passage of SB 41 would not result in additional prison beds or admissions. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 41 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ben Cleeves, Transportation
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Brianna Landon, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission