

January 27, 2020

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson  
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
Statehouse, Room 151B-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2495 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2495 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, crime victims' compensation for mental counseling could be awarded if the claim was filed within two years of testimony or after notification that DNA testing of a sexual assault kit or other evidence revealed a DNA profile of a suspect. HB 2495 would allow compensation to be awarded to a victim of a sexually violent crime if the Crime Victims Compensation Board determines there was good cause for failure to file within the two years.

The Attorney General indicates that passage of the bill could increase the claims and payments made to victims of sexually violent crimes for mental health counseling. However, the agency is unable to provide an estimate because the number of additional claims that would be filed. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2495 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell  
Director of the budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General