

March 8, 2019

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

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 215 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 215 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 215 would remove judicial discretion and require an offender to undergo a domestic violence offender assessment following a domestic violence conviction. The bill would also expand the definition of “endangering a child” to include committing an act of domestic battery or aggravated domestic battery where the person knows or reasonably should know that a child under the age of 18 years of age is present.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of SB 215 could increase the number of cases filed in district court because it expands the crime of endangering a child, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. In addition there could also be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by court service officers since the penalty for this crime is a misdemeanor. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 215 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary
Linda Kelly, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission