

February 21, 2020

The Honorable Gene Suellentrop, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Suellentrop:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 440 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 440 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, eligibility requirements for assistance for which federal funds are expended require that participants must perform 20 hours of work activity per week in a primary work component. Allowed components include full or part-time employment, apprenticeship, vocational education, job search and other activities. SB 440 would allow an additional option to fulfill work participation requirements under the cash assistance program. The bill would allow a single parent of a child who is between three months and one year of age to fulfill work requirements by engaging in in-home parenting skills training.

The Department for Children and Families states that the current temporary exemption from work requirements applies up until the child reaches three months of age. It is estimated that SB 440 would result in an additional 172 families per month being eligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. It is estimated that only about 50.0 percent of these cases would participate in the parenting skills training as an alternative. It is also estimated that it would take a full year to recognize the expected increase. The Department for Children and Families indicates that SB 440 would increase expenditures for additional benefits by \$136,800 for FY 2021 and \$274,968 for FY 2022, all from federal TANF funds. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 440 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families