

January 25, 2012

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2496 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2496 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2496 would amend current law to place special investigators of the Juvenile Justice Authority under the definition of "law enforcement officer." The bill also specifies that employees of the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice who are employed solely to perform correctional, administrative, or operational duties related to juvenile correctional facilities would not fall under the definition of "law enforcement officer." The bill makes additional technical changes.

The Juvenile Justice Authority indicates it currently employs 1.00 Special Investigator II FTE position. The agency indicates it has entered into an agreement with the Topeka Police Department and the Kansas Attorney General's Office to provide, at no cost, the necessary training required by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act for the agency employee. The agency states any specialized training costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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cc: Marcy Watson, JJA