

March 11, 2019

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2245 by Representative Pittman

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2245 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2245 would enact “Mojo’s Law.” The bill would make it a criminal offense to knowingly abandon, dispose, desert, or leave a human corpse without properly reporting the location to law enforcement. The bill would make abandonment of a human corpse a class A person misdemeanor.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2245 could increase the number of cases filed in district court because it creates the new crime of abandonment of a human corpse, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. Since the new crime created by the bill is a misdemeanor, the Office indicates there could also be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by court service officers. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates enactment of HB 2245 would have no effect on prison admissions or bed space. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2245 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

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