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

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 421 by Senator Haley

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 421 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 421 would require a convicted defendant to pay restitution for the purpose of supporting minor children if a crime caused the death or incapacitation of a victim who has minor children. Prior to sentencing, the court would conduct a hearing to establish the amount of restitution or state in detail on record why restitution is unworkable.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of the bill could require the courts to hold a hearing prior to sentencing in such cases. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. However, a fiscal effect cannot be determined because the number of additional hearings cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 421 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

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