

February 6, 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 77 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 77 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 77 would amend the Kansas Code for Care of Children by mandating the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to immediately offer counseling and services to children with problem sexual behavior and to the child's family. The bill would define a "child with problem sexual behavior" as a person less than 18 years of age who has allegedly committed sexual abuse against another person less than 18 years of age. The provisions make the services voluntary unless there is a high risk that future sexual abuse could occur. This would be mandated for reports in which there is a joint investigation between DCF and law enforcement.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$213,729	\$213,729
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

DCF assumes that the provision: "the Department shall immediately offer counseling and, as needed, additional services" indicates that DCF would be required to provide and pay for any counseling and services not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance. DCF anticipates 277 children with problem sexual behaviors and 819 family members would voluntarily accept counseling and services not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance at a cost of \$213,730

from the State General Fund for FY 2020. The expenses would continue in all future years and may increase if the number of reports investigated for sexual abuse by a child with problem sexual behavior increases over time. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 77 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a smaller "L" followed by "Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families