

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2655 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2655 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

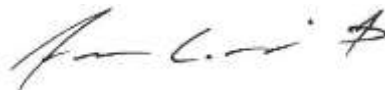
HB 2655 would require the Secretary of Corrections to establish procedures to provide inmates an opportunity to take a nationally recognized career readiness assessment. The bill would require each inmate to have access to curriculum, either online in a self-paced format or through classroom teaching. The bill outlines components the assessment would have to include and authorizes the Secretary to contract with a qualified corporation that provides a portable national career readiness certificate.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$1,580,500	\$1,580,500
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	13.00

The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$1,580,500 from the State General Fund in FY 2023. Of this amount, \$1,427,500 would be for 12.00 Instructor FTE positions and 1.00 Program Manager FTE position, \$135,000 would be for assessment fees, and \$18,000 would be for set up fees for 12 testing and instruction sites. The Department estimates that the bill would require it to offer career readiness

programming to approximately 3,750 inmates each year spread over 11 adult sites and one juvenile site. Each inmate enrolled in the program would have to take a career readiness assessment at a cost of \$36 and each of the 12 sites would require approximately \$1,500 to set up. The Department notes that it currently has career resource centers set up at ten of the twelve sites that could be utilized, and that 60 additional instruction and assessment stations would be needed to provide adequate space at all twelve sites. The Department of Corrections notes that career readiness programming could also be provided by contracted employees of education vendors, which could reduce the need to hire additional FTE. However, the fiscal effect of contracting for such services cannot be estimated without initiating a bidding process. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2655 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections