

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Susan Estes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2140 by House Committee on Education

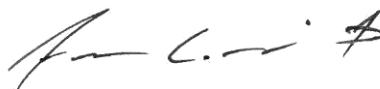
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2140 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2140 would require the Attorney General to appoint a statewide drug abuse resistance education (DARE) educator. The DARE educator would be required to provide instruction on drug abuse using curriculum approved by the Attorney General that would include content on fentanyl and other opioid drugs to students in public elementary and secondary schools. The bill would also require the educator to provide an annual report to the Legislature about any modifications to the curriculum utilized by the Attorney General and provide the names and addresses of the public schools serviced by the program. The educator would also be required to perform other services and provide material and information as required to support the DARE program in Kansas.

The Office of the Attorney General states that it would be required to hire 1.00 DARE Educator position. For FY 2026, the agency would require \$104,468 from the State General Fund. Of that amount, \$75,298 would be used to hire 1.00 DARE Educator position and \$29,170 would be for training, travel, and supplies for the new position. For FY 2027, the required amount would increase to \$109,691 from the State General fund to account for changes in benefit costs and inflation for operating expenditures.

The Department of Education states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect for the Department. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2140 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General