

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 2185 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2185 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2185 would update the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Act to include eligible dependents of National Guard members. The bill would also include other advanced degrees in the Kansas National Guard Educational Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence Program. The bill would specify that in order for a member of the National Guard to qualify for assistance from the Kansas National Guard Educational Program (KNGEP), an eligible Guard member would have to meet the following requirements:

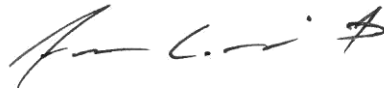
1. Hold a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential;
2. Be enrolled at a Kansas educational institution; and
3. Not hold a baccalaureate or higher academic degree.

An eligible Guard member may only sponsor one dependent to participate in the KNGEP during the member's service. To qualify for assistance, a dependent would have to meet the three requirements mentioned above and complete and submit a Kansas student aid application with the State Board of Regents. The bill would also add define "dependent," "doctorate," "master's degree," and "professional degree."

According to the Adjutant General's Office, enactment of HB 2185 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. The Board of Regents states enactment of the bill would increase

time spent by staff to implement the bill's provisions and could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2185 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents
Michael Neth, Office of the Adjutant General