

January 29, 2025

The Honorable Renee Erickson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Erickson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 47 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 47 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 47 would require each local board of education to list each board member on the website of the district, including an email address for each member. Each district would be required to send this information to the Department of Education, along with notifying the agency any time a change of this information would occur. The Department would be required to maintain a public database of all local board members statewide on the agency's website.

The bill would allow any member of a local board of education to add discussion of items under the category of new business at any school board meeting. Also, each meeting held by a local board of education would be required to include time for a public comment portion of the meeting, including those held virtually. The bill would allow members of the public to address the local board of education at regular school board meetings.

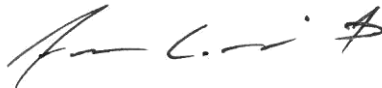
The bill would allow a board of education of a school district or the board of trustees of any community college to pay funds from its general fund for membership in a non-profit organization that provides services to member districts.

Finally, the bill would allow members of a local board of education to access school property, including school buildings and attendance centers, during school hours, or when there are school or community activities on the property.

The Department of Education indicates that the required additional administrative requirements for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the agency. However, if the combined effect of implementing SB47 and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's administrative resources, additional expenditures for administrative costs beyond the Department's current budget in future years may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 47 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) indicates that the bill may require school districts to incur additional administrative costs; however, KASB cannot estimate these additional costs. Additional security upgrades and cybersecurity services, as well as additional insurance, may be necessary as a result of allowing additional individuals in schools and attendance centers, as well as sharing board member email addresses. The school board members may be more vulnerable to security and cybersecurity attacks. For membership dues made to not-for-profit organizations, school districts and community colleges may experience additional expenditures; however, any additional expenditures for these dues would be optional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards