

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 49 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 49 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

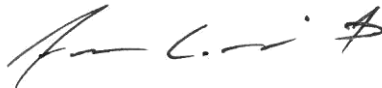
Under current law, all local boards of education are required to assess the education needs of each attendance center. SB 49 would require the local boards to include input for these assessments from board members, teachers employed by the school district, school site councils, and attendance center administrators. In addition, the bill would require each member of local boards of education to receive state assessment results for the school districts, including the number of students who scored at each of the levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the assessments.

Finally, the bill would require the budget of each school district to allocate or reallocate sufficient funds so that all students can achieve the following goals, as listed in KSA 72-3218(c), that students would be sufficient in: (1) oral and written communication skills to enable students to function in a complex and rapidly changing civilization; (2) knowledge of economic, social, and political systems to enable the student to make informed choices; (3) understanding of governmental processes to enable the student to understand the issues that affect his or her community, state, and nation; (4) self-knowledge and knowledge of his or her mental and physical wellness; (5) grounding in the arts to enable each student to appreciate his or her cultural and historical heritage; (6) training or preparation for advanced training in either academic or vocational fields to enable each child to choose and pursue life work intelligently; and (7) levels of academic or vocational skills to enable public school students to compete favorably with their counterparts in surrounding states, in academics or in the job market.

The bill would require that any time that funds would be reallocated during budget preparation, these funds would be identified in the budget and summary of the budget document. Current law does not reference “reallocation” of funds.

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the agency. The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would require additional involvement of local boards of education in the school building needs assessment process. The bill would require additional administrative processes for local boards of education; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

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