

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2618

As Amended by House Committee on K-12
Education Budget

Brief*

HB 2618, as amended, would require the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) to biannually report to the Legislature on federal financial assistance for education purposes. The bill would also establish sunsets and repeal various reports by the State Board and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to the Legislature or select committees of the Legislature.

Federal Financial Assistance Report

The bill would require the State Board, on or before July 1 and January 1 each state fiscal year, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on federal financial assistance for education purposes that was, or is anticipated to be, accepted, distributed, or expended in the preceding and current fiscal years. Such report would be required to include:

- The purpose of each federal financial assistance program;
- How the federal financial assistance was or will be used;
- The individual, office, or division of the State Board that accepts, distributes, or expends such federal financial assistance;

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- The federal agency, office, or division that administers such federal financial assistance on behalf of the federal government;
- The total amount of federal financial assistance that the State Board accepted, distributed, or expended in the preceding fiscal year and current fiscal year as well as any anticipated financial assistance for the current fiscal year for each federal financial assistance program;
- The anticipated time that the federal financial assistance program will be made available; and
- A description outlining whether the educational initiatives would continue using state or local resources when the federal financial assistance program ends and, if so, how.

The bill would establish a sunset for the report on July 1, 2034.

Educational Report Sunsets

The bill would establish the following sunsets for reports made by the State Board and KSDE to the Legislature or its committees on the following topics:

- January 15, 2031;
 - School district accreditation;
- July 1, 2031;
 - Expedited military licensure [*Note:* The bill would only sunset the State Board’s requirement to provide information to the Director of Legislative Research for the report.];

- Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship program;
- July 1, 2032;
 - ACT exam and assessment data;
 - Every Child Can Read Act;
 - Foster Care Annual Academic Report Card;
 - Performance accountability and longitudinal achievement;
- July 1, 2033;
 - At-risk student accountability plans;
 - School district open enrollment;
- July 1, 2034; and
 - Kansas Educator Registered Apprenticeship Grant Program.

Removal of Education Reports

The bill would remove reporting requirements for the State Board and KSDE on the following topics:

- Early retirement incentive program;
- School district bond elections and issuance of general obligation bonds;
- School-district-level special education excess costs; and
- Student data collection beyond that established in statute and any changes to said collection.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget at the request of Representative Brantley.

House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In the House Committee hearing on February 9, 2026, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Brantley. The Representative generally stated that the bill would help the Legislature maintain better oversight of federal financial assistance, which is traditionally difficult to do because of its volume and complexity. She further stated that the information that would be in the report is already collected by KSDE for federal compliance.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Aligned and Kansas Policy Institute (KPI).

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of KSDE. The conferee generally stated that the information the bill would require in the report is already contained in the agency's budget that is published online.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Remove select reports involving early retirement incentives, school district bond elections, school-district-level special education excess cost; and student data collection; and
- Establish prorated sunsets on various reports made by the State Board and KSDE.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KSDE indicates that the report established by enactment of the bill would be performed by existing staff unless the combined effect of other enacted legislation exceed the agency's administrative resources, in which case additional resources would be required.

Any fiscal effect associate with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Education; K-12; federal funding; report; sunset of educational reports