

February 16, 2011

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 174-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

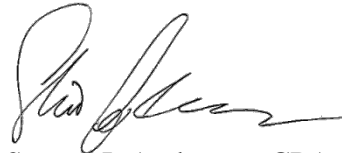
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2245 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2245 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2245 would provide that beginning with the 2011-12 school year, if a child's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of third grade, as demonstrated by scoring less than proficient on the reading state assessment test, the child would be retained in third grade. The child may be promoted to the fourth grade when the child meets standards established by the State Board of Education on the reading assessment for the third grade.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2245 would not have a fiscal effect until FY 2020, when the students who would be held back in third grade would still be counted in the enrollment of a school district. At that time, the state would see an increase in state aid payments to districts attributable to these students who would have otherwise graduated a year earlier without HB 2245.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Anderson".

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education