

February 1, 2013

The Honorable Ward Cassidy, Chairperson
House Committee on Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Cassidy:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2109 by Representative Cassidy, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2109 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a second count date for military families based on the number of students enrolled between September 20 and February is allowed for determining the number of students enrolled in a school district. This authorization is set to expire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. HB 2109 would authorize this second count date for military families through the 2017-2018 school year.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, the policy allowing a second count date for military families costs the state approximately \$3.0 million in General State Aid payments. Without the enactment of HB 2109, state aid payments would be reduced by \$3.0 million to those school districts that have students of military families. However, this reduction would not occur until FY 2015, as current law allows districts to operate at enrollment levels at the current year, prior year, or three-year enrollment average, whichever is greater. The Governor's recommendations for state aid payments in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report* assume the continued policy of the second count date for military families.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education