

February 13, 2013

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kelley:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2280 by Representative Meigs, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2280 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2280 would establish the “Celebrate Freedom Week” in Kansas public schools, beginning on September 15, 2013, and continuing the week of September containing the 17th day of the month each year thereafter. The State Board of Education would promote the week through a coordinated program.

In addition, the bill would require the State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations requiring appropriate instruction to be provided as part of the civil government curriculum concerning the original intent, meaning and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in their historical contexts. The religious references in the writings of the founding fathers could not be censored when presented as part of the instruction.

Enactment of HB 2280 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education