

February 19, 2014

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

Dear Representative Kelley:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2621 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2621 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2621 would prohibit the Kansas Department of Education and local boards of education from spending any funds to implement a statewide longitudinal data system beyond what is necessary for administrative functions directly related to the student's academic progress, for evaluation of education programs, or for compliance with express requirements of federal law. In addition, personally identifiable information of any student or teacher could not be provided by the State Board of Education, Department of Education, or any local school board to any federal, state or local agency, except as outlined under certain circumstances specified in the bill. The bill would prohibit implementation of any examination or test which would collect certain type of certain data, including that related to cognitive skills, psychological mindsets, social skills, or other intrapersonal resources, unless written consent has been received from a student's parent or guardian.

The bill would declare null and void the following standards that have been adopted by the Board of Education:

1. The Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for English language arts and literacy in history/social studies, science and technical studies. The Board could provide only statewide assessments for reading that are identical to the ones utilized in the 2012-2013 school year;
2. The Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for mathematics. The Board could provide only statewide assessments for mathematics that are identical to the ones utilized in the 2012-2013 school year;
3. The Common Core State Standards for mathematics and English language arts, including the Kansas enhancements to the standards, referred to as the state 15.0 percent option;
4. The Next Generation Science Standards and the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for science; on and after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, the Board

could only provide statewide assessments for science that are identical to the ones utilized in the 2012-2013 school year; and

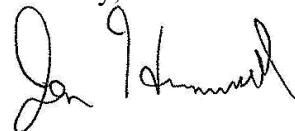
5. The social, emotional, and character development standards.

In addition, a 19-member Advisory Council on Curriculum Content Standards would be established. The bill outlines the appointing authorities and member qualifications for the Council. Subcommittees of the council would be formed for each core academic area to submit reports to the Council for review. Based on the various subcommittee reports, the Council would finalize a curriculum proposal to the State Board of Education. The Department of Education would provide technical assistance to the Council. Members of the Council would not be paid compensation, but would receive travel and subsistence allowances, as allowed by statute. Revision of the curriculum content standards would begin with English language arts and mathematics, which would be completed by July 1, 2016. The bill would prohibit any curriculum standards relating to social, emotional or character development. All standards would be reviewed every seven years and revised solely by the Board, with assistance from the Council. All curriculum standards and any results from statewide assessments would be owned and controlled by the State of Kansas through the Board.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$850,000	\$850,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Based on the historical experience of the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2621 would require expenditures of approximately \$800,000 from the State General Fund to develop new standards for math, language arts, history and government, and science. In addition, the Department estimates additional expenditures of \$50,000 from the State General Fund for travel and subsistence expenditures for members of the Council. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2621 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education