

March 5, 2013

The Honorable Steve Abrams, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Abrams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 224 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 224 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 224 would remove the following weightings from the statutory school finance formula in order to achieve a base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) of \$4,492 which is the current statutory rate: virtual, non-proficient, bilingual, and vocational weightings. In addition, to achieve a BSAPP of \$4,492, the bill would require the State Board of Education to prorate the at-risk pupil and the high density at-risk pupil weightings, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The Board would send a certification to each school district on or before October 1 of each year of the prorated weightings.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of SB 224 would not affect the total amount of state financial aid to school districts. However, the bill would shift funds among school districts, depending on how the amended school finance formula is calculated for each school district. According to the Department, in order to achieve a BSAPP of \$4,492, the at-risk pupil and the high density at-risk weightings would have to be prorated by 31.0 percent, along with eliminating the listed weightings. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 224 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education