

May 30, 2014

The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 452 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 452 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 452 would amend current law regarding school finance by providing the following:

1. Virtual Schools—Reduce the virtual school weighting by 50.0 percent of the approved base state aid per pupil. For FY 2015, virtual school weighting would be \$1,926 per weighted FTE student;
2. Local Option Budget (LOB)—Authorize a school district to hold an election to increase its local option budget authority from 30.0 percent (or 31.0 percent, depending on the school district) to 33.0 percent;
3. At-Risk Student Weighting—Exclude from counting at-risk part-time students in grades one through 12, as well as all students over 19 years of age in the school finance formula; however, any student in these categories with an individualized education plan would still qualify for the appropriate weightings. In addition, the bill would eliminate the weighting for non-proficient at-risk weighting;
4. Student Transportation—Make technical change in the transportation weighting formula;
5. New Facilities Weighting—Eliminate this weighting, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year; and
6. High-Density At-Risk Weighting—Reduce the percentage from 35.0 percent to 50.0 percent and higher to 45.0 percent to 55.0 percent, while keeping the linear transition of 0.0 percent to 10.5 percent.

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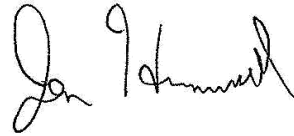
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SB 452 contains no appropriations that would alter base state aid per pupil or that would fully fund local option budgets. According to the Department of Education, enactment of SB 452 would have the following fiscal effect on state aid payments from the State General Fund in FY 2015:

Student Transportation Change	\$ (16,468,518)
Virtual School Weighting Change	(14,498,350)
New Facilities Weighting Change	(10,000,000)
High-Density At-Risk Weighting	(7,261,019)
Nonproficient At-Risk Weighting Change	(4,885,485)
Change in At-Risk Part-Time Students & Students over 19 years old	<u>(3,500,000)</u>
	\$ (56,613,372)

Any fiscal effect associated with SB 452 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education