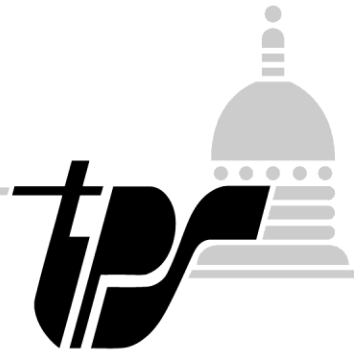




House Education Committee
March 18, 2015
SB 70

Chairman Highland, Members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to SB 70.
While we have no objection to background checks, we believe that SB 70 is unnecessary.

Every new teacher in Kansas is fingerprinted and subjected to a rigorous background check, and every teacher licensed before the background check went into effect is subject to fingerprinting and a background check upon the next renewal of their license.

Imposing these costs on our staff in addition to relicensing fees and the cost of continuing education for licensure, as well as additional administrative functions for our district is unnecessary.

We would respectfully ask the committee to reject Senate Bill 70.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Julie Ford'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Julie Ford
Superintendent of Topeka Public Schools