

February 4, 2015

The Honorable Ronald Highland, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 561-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2174 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2174 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2174 would make several technical changes to the Tax Credit for Low Income Students Program. The bill would increase the age of an “eligible student” for the program from age six to age seven. In addition, the bill would change the policy regarding special education services for a scholarship recipient. Under current law, an eligible student’s participation in a scholarship program constitutes a waiver to special education services provided by a school district, unless the district agrees to provide services. HB 2035 would remove this waiver.

The bill would remove the option of requiring a scholarship-granting organization (SGO) to provide information demonstrating its ability to pay an aggregate amount equal to the amount of contributions expected to be received in the scholarship program. Finally, the bill would clarify that the SGO can retain no more than 10.0 percent of contributions to the program for administration costs. Any amounts not used for administration costs would be required to be disbursed as scholarships within 36 months of receiving the contributions.

According to the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue, enactment of HB 2174 would have no fiscal effect, as the bill would only make technical changes to the scholarship program.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education
Jack Smith, Department of Revenue