

February 15, 2016

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

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2470 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2470 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2470 would increase the fine for a second and subsequent offense of unlawfully passing a school bus. A second offense within five year period would be a fine of \$750 and the third offense and each subsequent offense would be a fine of \$1,000. The bill would allow school buses to be equipped with video recording devices for evidence against potential violators. Any recorded images from the camera would not be subject to the Open Records Act. The bill would allow a school district to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to offset expenses regarding the implementation and ongoing operation of video recording devices.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2470 would have no effect on state aid to school districts. The cost of equipping school buses with video recording equipment would be optional with enactment of HB 2470. Any school district choosing to participate would bear the initial cost of purchasing and installing the equipment. The bill does allow school districts to enter into intergovernmental agreements to offset the expenses; however, the bill does not specify potential funding sources to offset the costs of the video recording equipment.

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The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that enactment of the bill would increase expenses to municipalities in preparing citations, preparing evidence from the video recording equipment and certified mail costs for the citations. However, the League of Municipalities cannot estimate the number of potential violations or the fiscal effect of the bill.

Sincerely,

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Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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