

February 18, 2015

The Honorable Gregory Smith, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Smith:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 194 by Senate Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 194 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 194 would create the Kanas Public School Security Act. On or before October 1 of each school year, each school would be required to prepare and publish a security report. The security report would be made available to each student enrolled in such school, the parents of each student enrolled in such school and each person employed to work at such school. Schools may provide hard copies of the security report or provide written notice that the report is available electronically and provide directions on how to access the report.

The security report would include the following statements and descriptions of school policies on: (1) the reporting of criminal activity and other emergencies that occur on school property and the school's response to these reports; (2) the security and access of school property; (3) the school security officers and campus police officers; (4) any crime prevention programs conducted by the school; (5) the school's immediate emergency response and evacuation procedures; (6) the prevention of sex offenses and the school's response to a report that a sex offense has occurred; (7) a statement advising where individuals can obtain information concerning local registered sex offenders; and (8) statistics on the occurrence on school property of certain criminal activity, as required by the bill.

The bill would require each school to maintain a log of all criminal activities reported to the school. All records would be maintained by the school and could not be destroyed for a period of seven years. All information from these reports would remain confidential if there is an ongoing criminal investigation involved.

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According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of SB 194 would have no fiscal effect for the state. However, the agency indicates that the bill would require additional expenditures and staff time by local school districts; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education