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**Neutral Testimony on Senate Bill 424
Establishing the Office of Education Inspector General within the Office of
State Treasurer**

**Submitted to the Senate Committee on Education
By Kansas State Treasurer Jake LaTurner**

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Chairman Baumgardner and Members of the Committee:

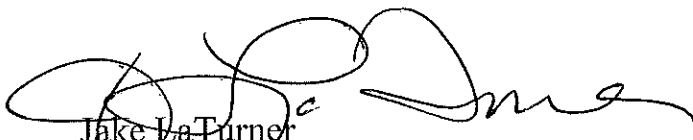
Thank you for the opportunity to submit neutral testimony regarding SB 424, which would establish the Office of Education Inspector General within the Kansas State Treasurer's Office.

While not advocating for or opposing the legislation before you, our office will certainly do our best to carry out the duties and functions of this new position, if you direct us to do so. However, we do request that the legislature appropriate the necessary resources as outlined in the fiscal note provided by the Division of Budget.

Having the finances to hire and retain qualified individuals to "establish a full-time system of audits" and the other oversight functions as specified within SB 424 would be necessary.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Respectfully Submitted,


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