

January 24, 2017

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson  
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2048 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2048 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2048 would enact “Erin’s Law.” The bill would require each school district to adopt and implement a plan to address child sexual abuse for each of its schools in grades kindergarten through six. Each plan would require evidence-based training and education to assist teachers with awareness issues of the warning signs of sexual abuse. Also, each plan would be required to have evidence-based age-appropriate instruction for students on the difference between appropriate and inappropriate conduct and actions that a student may take to be protected from sexual abuse.

School districts would be required to inform parents in writing prior to any child sexual abuse instruction and provide an opportunity for the parents to examine and review the materials to decide if a child would participate in the instruction. If a parent would not want a child to participate, a written notification would be required.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2048 would not affect state aid to school districts. However, the agency would be required to develop materials and guidelines that the local boards of education would use in implementing plans, as required by the bill. The Department does not estimate a cost for this requirement. However, school districts would likely incur additional costs in professional development and training. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2048 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education