

February 14, 2020

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2574 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2574 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2574 would require schools to establish a concussion education program for parents, athletes and school personnel. The program would include the prevention and management of concussions, dangers and risks associated with concussions, signs and symptoms of concussion, return-to-learn and return-to-play protocols, and school policies and procedures for concussion prevention management. The policies and procedures established with the program would be applicable to any concussions occurring within the school.

All schools would be required to appoint a school concussion management team to establish a return-to-play protocol. Members of this team may include licensed athletic trainers, athletic directors, designated teachers, school counselors, school administrators, and school nurses.

The bill would require the following individuals to complete, at least biennially, a concussion training program approved by the State Board of Education and the Kansas State High School Activities Association: coaches; licensed athletic trainers; licensed school counselors; game officials; nurses; athletic directors; and school marching band directors.

Any student athlete would be required to be removed from an extracurricular activity, competition, or practice session immediately if a qualified individual believes that the athlete may have sustained a concussion during such competition or practice session. The student athlete could not return to competition or practice sessions until evaluated by a healthcare provider who provides a written clearance to return to play or practice.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$10,000	\$10,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would require the State Board of Education to appoint an advisory group of professional individuals involved in competitive athletics to develop the education program on the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the dangers and risks associated with the continuation of playing or practicing after an individual suffers a concussion or head injury. The Department estimates that expenditures totaling \$10,000 from the State General Fund would be required for expenses for this advisory group. The Division of the Budget notes that the bill does not specifically create this advisory group or authorize travel or related per diem expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2574 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education