

February 13, 2020

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2601 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2601 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2601 would amend current law to specify certain required immunizations for children in licensed childcare facilities and schools. The required immunization list would include the following: diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles (rubeola), meningitis, mumps, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, rubella (German measles), tetanus, and varicella (chicken pox). Under current law, a list of required immunizations is found in rules and regulations for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

In addition, the bill would provide that the Secretary of KDHE could deem a required immunization not specified in this list if it is found that there is an imminent hazard to public safety. This designation would be required to be adopted through rules and regulations and would expire on July 1 of the following calendar year after adoption. Finally, the bill would make technical changes to the immunization statutes.

According to KDHE, enactment of HB 2601 would require the agency to reprint all regulations books regarding immunizations at a cost of \$5,204 from all funding sources, including \$520 from the State General Fund and \$4,684 from federal funds. In addition, the agency notes that it would require agency staff time to update the books, associated forms, and websites. The Department for Children and Families and the Department of Education indicate that the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2601 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education
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