

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 545 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 545 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 545 would require each nonpublic school in Kansas to administer the statewide assessments provided by the State Board of Education to students enrolled in appropriate grades for each assessment. A “nonpublic” school would be defined as an accredited or nonaccredited private elementary or secondary school but would not include a home school or an associated home school organization.

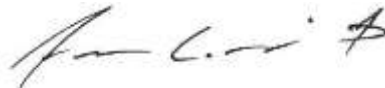
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$670,000	\$670,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	7.00

The Department of Education estimates that the bill would require nonaccredited nonpublic schools to register students and teachers with the agency, which would create a need for additional reports and databases that would need to be maintained and managed separately from current data. The Department would require an additional 6.00 FTE positions in the agency’s information technology team at a cost of \$390,000, at an average cost of \$65,000, including fringe benefits, all from the State General Fund. In addition, the agency’s assessment team would need an additional

1.00 FTE position at a cost of \$80,000, including benefits to manage the additional assessment requirements.

Finally, the agency would have to increase its contractual services with the University of Kansas at a cost of \$200,000 for the additional statewide assessments needed for the nonpublic schools. The total FY 2023 costs to the Department for the enactment of SB 545 would total \$670,000, all from the State General Fund, including an additional 7.00 FTE positions. These costs would be ongoing operating costs for the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 545 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education