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The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

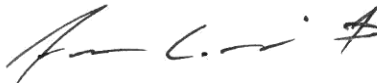SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2278 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2278 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2278 would require the Department of Education to conduct an audit of each school district's policies and procedures for maintaining safe and secure school buildings, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year (FY 2024). In addition, beginning in FY 2024, and each subsequent school year, the Department would be required to conduct an on-site inspection of not fewer than ten school districts to determine compliance with the district's policies and procedures and the Kansas Safe and Secure Schools standards. The Department would be required to select school districts of various student enrollment size.

On or before January 15, 2025, the Department would be required to submit a report on the audit results to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education. In addition, on or before January 15, 2025, and each subsequent year, the Department would be required to submit a report on the on-site inspections to the same committees.

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of HB 2278 would require expenditures totaling $255,000 from the State General Fund, beginning in FY 2024. Of this amount, $240,000 would be for 3.00 FTE Auditors at a cost of $80,000 each (including fringe benefits), as well as $15,000 for other operating expenditures for these positions, including computers, travel and subsistence expenditures, and other administrative expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2278 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education