

January 24, 2023

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2060 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2060 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2060 would create the Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force. The task force would comprise ten members: two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two members appointed by the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one member appointed by the State Board of Education; two members appointed by the Department of Education who are professionals in the field of special education and related services; and one member who is a parent of a student who receives special education services. In calendar year 2023 and every second succeeding calendar year, the parent member would be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In calendar year 2024 and every second succeeding calendar year, the parent member would be appointed by the President of the Senate.

All members would be appointed by July 1, 2023. The bill would outline procedures for calling the first meeting and the process for filling vacancies. If approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, members would be paid for mileage and subsistence expenses. The staff of the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services would provide assistance, as required. The bill would require the State Board of Education to provide consultants and assistance when requested.

The bill would require the task force to: (1) study and make recommendations for changes in the existing formula for funding of special education and related services; (2) conduct hearings and receive and consider suggestions from stakeholders concerning funding for special education

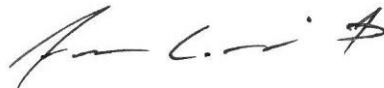
and related services; and (3) make and submit reports to the Legislature on the work of the task force concerning recommendations. Any report including recommendations for Legislative changes would be submitted on or before January 14 of each year.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$25,831	\$25,831
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Legislative Administrative Services estimates the enactment of HB 2060 would require an additional appropriation to the Legislature’s FY 2024 budget totaling \$20,331 from the State General Fund. This estimate would assume four meetings of the task force each year. Of this amount, \$14,628 is for legislator pay, including salary, subsistence expenditures, mileage reimbursement, and enroute costs; \$2,499 for is for committee assistant salaries and fringe benefit costs; and \$3,204 is for non-legislator expenses, including mileage and tolls. These costs would be on-going each year after the initial year of meetings.

The Department of Education indicates that annual costs totaling \$5,500 would be borne by the agency for approximately 12 hours of preparation for its staff and follow-up time for each meeting, as well as 64 hours of preparation time for the Legislative report, using an average cost of \$50 per hour. Additional meetings beyond four in a given year would require additional staff time, which would incur additional costs. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2060 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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