February 13, 2019

The Honorable Lonnie Clark, Chairperson  
House Committee on Veterans and Military  
Statehouse, Room 532-S  
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Clark:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2123 by House Committee on Veterans and Military

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2123 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2123 would modify qualifications for the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Act by removing a requirement that any guard member have at least one year remaining on his or her enlistment contract at the beginning of any semester for which the member may receive tuition assistance.

The Adjutant General’s Department indicates that enactment of HB 2123 would not increase the number of guard members eligible for tuition assistance. The Department states the bill would correct an unintended consequence that forces a service member to choose between signing a one-year extension to participate in state tuition assistance and forgoing a semester or more of school to get in the 90-day window that is required to re-enlist for a longer term.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents