February 14, 2019

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

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2183 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2183 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2183 would require all accredited high schools to give a course of instruction concerning computer science. The bill would require the course to be at least one semester and include a study of computers and algorithmic processes, hardware and software designs, and the implementation and impact on society of computers and algorithmic processes. No student who has not taken and satisfactorily passed the course could be certified as having the requirements necessary for graduation for high school.

The bill would require the State Board of Education to establish an advisory board for computer science academic performance standards prior to July 1, 2020. The advisory board would adopt the standards for instruction of the course.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2183 would not change state aid to school districts in the current school finance formula. As a result, school districts would be required to finance the instruction of the computer science course within existing state aid received. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2183 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc:  Dale Dennis, Education