February 19, 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 2330 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2330 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2330 would require each local board of education to adopt a policy to prohibit bullying, harassment or cyberbullying on school premises, in a school vehicle or during a school-sponsored activity or event whether on or off school premises. Any policy adopted shall be written through a process that includes representation of parents, school district administrators, teachers, and other employees, school district volunteers, students and members of the community.

The State Board of Education would be required to develop a model policy applicable to kindergarten and grades one through 12. The model policy would include an age-appropriate range of consequences for bullying, harassment or cyberbullying that would include disciplinary action or counseling as appropriate under the circumstances. The model policy would be provided to school districts on or before September 1, 2019.

On or after November 1, 2019, each local board of education would be required to revise its policy on bullying, harassment or cyberbullying and transmit a copy to the State Board of Education. Each school year, the local board of education would be required to conduct a review and evaluation of the policy and make any necessary revisions. The district would be required to transmit a copy of any revised policy to the State Board of Education within 30 days after its adoption.
According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2330 would require the State Board of Education to convene a 15-member committee to develop the model bullying policy that would meet twice. The cost of this committee would be $3,000 in FY 2020 (15 members X $100 per meeting X 2 meetings = $3,000.) Any costs to implement local school district policies would be borne by the local boards of education within existing budget resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2330 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education