February 21, 2022

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 484 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 484 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 484 would create the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act. The bill would require teams or sports sponsored by a public elementary or secondary school, a postsecondary education institution, or any school or institution that competes against a public school or institution be expressly designated based on biological sex, as males, men, or boys; females, women, or girls; or coed or mixed. Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls would be prohibited from being open to students of the male sex. The Kansas State High School Activities Association and the Kansas Board of Regents would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement the Act. In addition, the bill would provide causes of action for violation of the Act.

The Kansas Board of Regents states that the adoption of rules and regulations required by SB 484 could be accomplished within existing resources. The Board notes that enactment of the bill could have an effect on the state’s ability to host National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) events if NCAA policies conflicted with the bill, which could result in a fiscal effect on institutions, communities, and regions of the state where events would have been held. The Board was unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Department of Education states that enactment of the bill would not result in any direct fiscal effect on the agency or school districts. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 484 is not reflected in The FY 2023 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education
Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents