

February 6, 2023

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The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2080 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2080 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2080 would allow any full-time student enrolled in a virtual school to take statewide assessments in a virtual setting that best meets the education needs of the student. The bill would outline the assessment administration under these virtual conditions, including having the student's computer having internet browser lockdown software and having the student being monitored by an assessment proctor with a camera.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$9,316,344	\$9,316,344
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According to the Department of Education, the enactment of HB 2080 would require additional expenditures totaling \$9,316,344 from the State General Fund, beginning in FY 2024. This estimate includes expenditures for the state assessments totaling \$5,431,640, including \$5.0 million to develop parallel test forms for virtual students; \$276,640 for test administration monitoring and storage of audio and video recordings of the tests; \$30,000 for IT security required for audio and video monitoring; and \$125,000 for comparability studies and additional

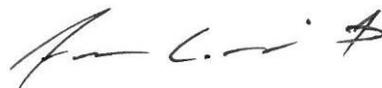
psychometric work for the virtual assessments. The Department notes that the cost estimates would not include any additional equipment required for the student to take the test in a virtual environment, such as a computer with a camera. In addition, each virtual student would be required to have a required security application on the device. The Department notes that of the total cost estimate for the state assessments, \$2,250,000 would be considered one-time expenditures and \$3,181,640 would be needed on an ongoing basis.

The total cost estimate also includes \$3,884,704 for the cost for virtual assessments for the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA). This estimate would include \$3,725,000 for development costs; \$4,704 for test administration monitoring; \$30,000 for information security costs; and \$125,000 for additional psychometric analysis and comparability studies. Of the total cost estimate for KELPA, \$1,800,000 would be one-time expenditures and \$2,084,704 would be needed on an ongoing basis.

Future costs beyond FY 2024 would depend on the number of virtual students taking the virtual tests. With the enactment of the bill, virtual schools would no longer have to rent space to take the assessments; however, any cost savings would not affect state aid to virtual schools and would have no effect on state expenditures.

In its original fiscal note response to the Division of the Budget, the Department of Education did not include costs for the development and administration of the virtual KELPA, nor did the agency reference potential savings for virtual schools from no longer having to rent space for virtual schools to take tests. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2080 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Department of Education