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The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2555 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2555 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2555 would allow certain school personnel to administer albuterol or epinephrine to students who are displaying respiratory distress anaphylaxis. The bill would allow pharmacists to distribute a stock supply of these medicines to a school upon a prescription from a physician or mid-level practitioner. The bill would also provide a level immunity from liability for a pharmacist, physician, or a mid-level practitioner who would prescribe the medicines for the school, as well as the school personnel who would administer the drugs under specific circumstances.

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts. The Kansas Association of School Boards and the Department notes that the cost of any emergency medications would be borne by local school districts; however, the Department notes that a school would be able to accept monetary gifts, grants, and donations to implement provisions of the bill, as well as being able to accept medication gifts from a manufacturer or wholesaler. The Board of Healing Arts indicates that any resulting actionable complaints could be managed with its existing budget authority. The Board of Nursing indicates that the agency would communicate information to its licensees if the bill becomes law; however, the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the agency outside of normal

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administrative functions. The Board of Pharmacy indicates the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect for the agency.

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