

January 29, 2024

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson  
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2594 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2594 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2594 would establish the Education Funding Task Force, which would comprise 11 voting members, including: two House of Representative members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; two Senate members appointed by the President of the Senate; one Senate member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one member of the State Board of Education, one member who is a parent of a student of a school district in grades one through 12 who is appointed by the President of the Senate; one member who is a superintendent of a rural school district appointed by the State Board of Education; and one member who is a superintendent of an urban school district who is appointed by the State Board of Education.

The Education Funding Task Force would include ex-officio members, who would be nonvoting members, including the Commissioner of Education (or designee), the chairperson of the Kansas Children's Cabinet (or designee); and the Director of the Budget (or designee). The bill would require the Task Force to review: (1) the current school finance system; (2) the current methods for determining and disbursing Special Education State Aid; (3) the financial inputs of the current school finance system; (4) the outputs of the current school finance system, including academic achievement outcomes; (5) current academic reporting requirements; and (6) achievement goals established by the Kansas Department of Education in the consolidated state plan submitted to the federal Department of Education.

The Task Force would be required to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 11, 2027, with the following included recommendations: (1) the establishment of a school finance formula that will replace the current formula after its expiration; (2) whether revisions to the current methods for determining and disbursing Special Education State Aid are advisable or necessary; and (3) any other recommendations related to school finance.

The bill would require members to be appointed on or before September 1, 2024. In even-numbered years, the chairperson of the Task Force would be designated by the Speaker of the

House of Representatives and the vice chairperson would be designated by the President of the Senate. In odd-numbered years, the chairperson of the Task Force would be designated by the President of the Senate and the vice chairperson would be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The bill would provide for procedures for vacancies and the quorum of the Task Force. The bill would provide authorization for payment of expenses, mileage, and subsistence expenditures, if approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

The staff of the Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services would provide assistance as requested by the Task Force. The Task Force could meet at any time and at any place within the state upon the call of the chairperson. Authorization for the Task Force would expire on July 1, 2027.

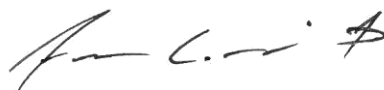
Finally, the bill would repeal authorization for the Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force.

According to Legislative Administrative Services (LAS), the enactment of the bill would depend on the number of meetings of the Task Force. If the Task Force would meet four times per year, LAS estimates additional FY 2025 expenditures totaling \$23,623, all from the State General Fund. Of this amount, \$15,480 would be for expenditures for the six legislators, including salary ( $\$88.66/\text{day} \times 4 \text{ days} \times 6 \text{ legislators} = \$2,128$ ), subsistence expenditures ( $\$166 \times 4 \text{ days} \times 6 \text{ legislators} = \$3,984$ ), mileage ( $\$0.655/\text{mile} \times 250 \text{ average mileage} \times 4 \text{ days} \times 6 \text{ legislators} = \$3,930$ ), tolls ( $\$6 \text{ tolls} \times 4 \text{ days} \times 6 \text{ legislators} = \$144$ ), enroute day ( $\$166 \times 4 \text{ days} \times 6 \text{ legislators} = \$3,984$ ) and fringe benefits ( $\$1,310$ ). For the four non-legislators, expenditures are estimated at \$5,315, including subsistence expenditures ( $\$96 \times 4 \text{ days} \times 5 \text{ members} = \$1,920$ ), mileage ( $\$0.655/\text{mile} \times 250 \text{ average miles} \times 4 \text{ days} \times 5 \text{ members} = \$3,275$ ), and tolls ( $\$6 \times 4 \text{ days} \times 5 \text{ members} = \$120$ ). Expenditures for the committee assistant would total \$2,648, including fringe benefits. Finally, LAS estimates costs to publish the bill in the *Kansas Register* at \$180.

LAS notes that Task Force meeting expenditures likely would be required in FY 2026 and FY 2027. Although inflation would likely increase expenditures for salaries, mileage, tolls, and other expenditures over time, similar expenditures, except for the publication in the *Kansas Register*, would be expected in these fiscal years.

For the repeal of authorization for the Special Education and Related Services Task Force, LAS notes that the Legislative Coordinating Council has not authorized any meetings beyond FY 2024; as a result, no additional expenditures have been budgeted in FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2594 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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