

February 5, 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 2612 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

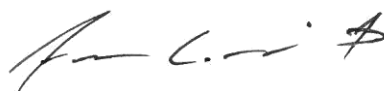
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2612 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2612 would require the State Board of Education's accreditation system for school districts to be in compliance with all applicable state laws, including all rules and regulations. Any school district that would not be in compliance with any laws, including rules and regulations, could not be accredited. If a school district would not be accredited, the school district would notify each parent in writing.

After not being accredited, a school district may only become accredited if an audit would be conducted by the Department of Education to determine that the school district has made the changes necessary to be in compliance. Finally, the bill would authorize the State Board of Education to establish a process to allow an individual to challenge a determination of a school district compliance or noncompliance with state laws or rules and regulations.

The Department of Education indicates the enactment of HB 2612 would have no fiscal effect. The Division of the Budget notes that any administrative expenses that would be required to implement the bill would be performed by existing staff of the agency. The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill may result in additional administrative expenses for school districts; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
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