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Laura Kelly, Governor

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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: Fiscal Note for HB 2732 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2732 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2732 would allow a local board of education to employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students. A chaplain employed or volunteering pursuant to this section would not be required to obtain any form of teacher license issued by the State Board of Education. Chaplains would be subject to the same criminal history records check as required by the local board of education for all other employees of the district.

No local board of education could employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, any person to serve as a chaplain who has been convicted of or adjudicated for an offense requiring registration as a sex offender pursuant to the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

The Department of Education indicates the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the state. Any costs associated with the bill would be borne by school districts choosing to employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, chaplains.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards