

March 7, 2011

The Honorable Lana Gordon, Chairperson
House Committee on Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Gordon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2248 by House Committee on Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2248 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2248 would require postsecondary educational institutions that provide remedial courses in mathematics and language arts to provide the number of eligible students enrolled in a remedial course and the high school from which each student graduated, the cost incurred by the institution on a per student basis to provide the remedial course, and the aggregate amount of tuition and fees the institution charges per student to enroll in and receive credit for such remedial courses. Within 30 days after receiving this information, the Department of Education would determine the aggregate cost for each eligible student to enroll in each remedial course and the amount payable to each postsecondary institution. The Department would certify the amount to the State Treasurer who would then transfer the amount from the State School District Finance Fund to the new Postsecondary Educational Institution Remedial Course Fund in the treasury.

The Department of Education would then determine the aggregate cost of the remedial courses to be charged to each school district. That amount would be transferred twice a year to the designated postsecondary institutions. A postsecondary institution would be required to grant any eligible student a waiver from all tuition and fees normally charged by the institution for any remedial course in which the student enrolls. An eligible student would be defined as a student admitted to a postsecondary educational institution and enrolled in a remedial course within two years of high school graduation.

The Department of Education and the Board of Regents believe that HB 2248 could involve approximately 7,000 students in postsecondary educational institutions. Approximately \$1.0 million would have to be deducted from the school districts' budgets and paid to postsecondary educational institutions. In addition, a half-time education program consultant would be needed to carry out the responsibilities of the State Board of Education at a cost of \$42,958 for salary and operating costs. The Board of Regents notes there are many variables that

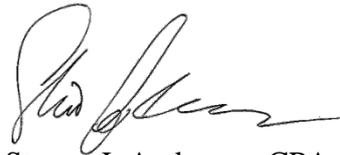
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that determine the fiscal effect of this bill. Tuition and fees paid by students and actual costs for a remedial course would range widely depending on the sector and the institution. In addition, remedial courses are taken by many students who would not be considered eligible under HB 2248, such as adults and non-residents. Because of these variables, the exact fiscal effect of the bill is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2248 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Diane Duffy, Board of Regents
Dale Dennis, Education