

February 13, 2012

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 236-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 410 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 410 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 410 would require that upon receipt of a written statement from a licensed physician, psychologist or psychiatrist stating that a child has been diagnosed with dyslexia, a school district would be required to implement best practices in instructing the student, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education would be required to adopt rules and regulations regarding dyslexia, including the following requirements: (1) to establish best practices of instruction; (2) to require school districts to provide early screening or testing of students enrolled in pre-K through second grade to identify students with language and literacy disorders including dyslexia; and (3) to require that teachers successfully complete teacher preparation courses that include the language essentials for reading and spelling curriculum or other intensive multisensory teacher training programs designed for children with dyslexia.

School districts would be required to implement a dyslexia accommodation plan and intense instruction under tier three of the Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS). In addition, the bill would require school districts to screen or test students in pre-K through grade two to identify significant language and literacy disorders. The bill would stipulate that its provisions would come under the Special Education for Exceptional Children Act, which currently provides for a significant dispute resolution process.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$46,540	\$46,540
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	0.50

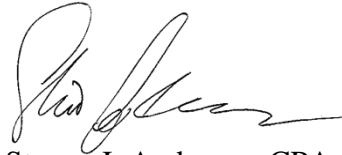
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According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of SB 410 would require an additional 0.50 FTE position for education program consulting in order to provide training to school districts and facilitate dispute resolutions. Total expenditures for this position would total \$46,540 from the State General Fund, including \$38,632 for salaries and wages, \$2,500 for travel and subsistence expenditures, and \$5,408 for other operating expenditures, including rent, communications, and computer equipment. In addition, the Department notes that approximately 100,000 students would have to be screen or tested in pre-K through grade two in order to identify language and literacy disorders, with all costs paid by school districts. Also, the accommodation plan and intense instruction under tier three of the MTSS would require significant costs to local school districts. However, the Department cannot estimate total expenditures for these local costs. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 410 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education