February 27, 2018

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2690 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2690 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2690 would create the Kansas School Financial Transparency Act. On or before January 15, 2021, and each consecutive year, the Department of Education would be required to prepare and submit a report on the expenditures and revenues per student for each school. All expenditures of a district would be required to be allocated to schools operated in the district. The report would be required to include: (1) total expenditures per student; (2) total revenues per student from federal, state and local sources; (3) revenues per student from state and local sources as a percentage of the total revenue for the school; (4) total expenditures per student as a percentage of total revenues per student; and (5) learning outcomes for all students and for each subgroup of students.

The State Board of Education would be required to determine a school financial efficiency rating for each school using a rating system developed by the Board. The Board would be required to identify not less than ten specific school expenditures for benchmarking purposes. A high efficiency rating would indicate low expenditures per student with high student learning outcomes, while a low efficiency rating would indicate high expenditures per student with low student learning outcomes. Student learning outcomes would be determined based on the statewide assessments in math and reading. Each school district would be required to publish its rating in a prominent position on the districts website homepage.
According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2690 would require expenditures of $50,000, all from the State General Fund. Costs by the Department would include travel and subsistence for agency staff for workshops with districts to review the reporting requirements and technical assistance for allocating costs by attendance centers. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2690 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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