The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Select Committee on Education Finance
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 460 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 460 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 460 would make technical corrections to school finance law, as enacted in 2017 SB 423. The bill would reinstate the calculation of State Foundation Aid and Local Option Budget (LOB) State Aid that was in effect during school year 2017-2018, with the Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) of $4,165 for the 2018-2019 school year; $4,302 for the 2019-2020 school year; $4,439 for the 2020-2021 school year; $4,576 for the 2021-2022 school year; $4,713 for the 2022-2023 school year. For school year 2023-2024 and beyond, the BASE would be the amount for the immediately preceding school year, plus an amount equal to the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the Midwest Region during the three immediately preceding school years.

The bill would allow a board of education to adopt by resolution a LOB in an amount that does not exceed the statewide average for the preceding school year, as determined by the State Board of Education. Unless specifically stated in its resolution, the authority for a local school board to adopt a LOB would be continuous and permanent. However, SB 460 would specify that the board of any school district could adopt an LOB in an amount less than the amount authorized, provided the board adopts an LOB of at least 15.0 percent of its total foundation aid.
According to the Department of Education, enactment of SB 460 would require no additional appropriations for state aid payments to school districts.

Sincerely,

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