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Yes, please!

On Friday, January 28, 2022, 09:30:18 AM CST, Holly Broxterman <holly.broxterman@house.ks.gov> wrote:

Hello –

Rep. Huebert's office assistant forwarded me your feedback regarding HB 2511. If you would like for me to submit this as opposition written testimony to the committee I manage and that is running the hearing on Monday, I need to know by Noon today so that I can prepare it for the meeting on Monday. Please let me know.

Thank –

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Dear Representative Huebert,

I am extremely concerned about proposed House Bill 2511, and in particular the “New Section 1.” This appears to require public schools to expend funds for students of state-registered virtual or private schools, even homeschooled students, as it identifies any student living within a school district as eligible to participate in public school activities that are regulated by Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) as long as their “school” is registered with the state board of education.

I cannot detect a clear reason for this proposal. Has someone who has children enrolled in a private school gained clout that allows them to push for this bill? Why should such families benefit from a public school district when they have clearly decided that they do not want to be affiliated with their local public schools?

This bill represents yet another unfunded mandate from the legislature. It appears that public schools can charge a participation fee—as long as they charge their own students the same fee. Otherwise, the district must absorb the expenses related to participation by students who do not attend the public school district. This can include, but is not limited to coaching expenses, transportation expenses, custodial expenses, equipment expenses, and many other costs that tend to be ignored by those who are not actively involved in public education. This will also disproportionately affect smaller districts and in particular, small western Kansas districts. My school district does not have a private school registered within its boundaries, but some neighboring districts do. I worry about the affect of this proposed legislation upon their ability to provide quality extracurricular opportunities to the students who actually attend their schools.

Why has this bill been proposed? Should this not be left up to KSHSAA, which has been given the authority to make such decisions? This appears to be an attempt to usurp their authority.

I am not pleased with this proposed bill that would cause added expenses to public school districts. I can only assume that anyone who supports this bill is against public education. I encourage you to vote against such legislation.

Kind regards,

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