

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2641 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2641 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2641 would require each school district to adopt policies and procedures to govern the use of privately-owned electronic communication devices. The policies and procedures would include the prohibition of students from using any privately-owned electronic communication devices at school during the normal hours of the school day, including pass periods and in the classroom. The policies and procedures would be required to set disciplinary consequences that would occur if a student would violate the policies and procedures. The bill would outline certain conditions where privately-owned communication devices could be used, including the implementation of a student's individualized education program, or if authorized by a teacher or administrator for education purposes. However, the authorization could not be part of a classroom reward or free time.

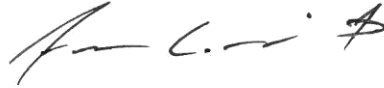
The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would not affect state aid to school districts. The Division of the Budget notes that the bill would require school districts to prepare policies and procedures for the use of privately-owned electronic communication devices; however, any additional costs incurred by school districts would likely be negligible.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the fiscal effect of the bill's enactment cannot be estimated; however, it is likely that school districts would have to purchase

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additional equipment and devices if students cannot bring their own devices to access coursework and curricular material if the use would not fit into the bill's exemptions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards