

February 18, 2021

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson  
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget  
Statehouse, Room 286A-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

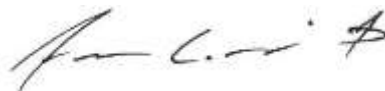
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2269 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2269 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under the current school finance law, the at-risk weighting is based upon the number of students who are eligible for free meals under the National School Lunch Act. HB 2269 would change this definition to include only students who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade three who are eligible for free meals under the National School Lunch Act and who are enrolled in grades four through 12 and failed to meet the proficiency standards on the most recent math or English language arts assessments. The current at-risk formula weighting would remain at 0.484.

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of HB 2269 would increase the number of students qualifying for the at-risk weighting from 172,000 to 301,700 FTE students, or an increase of 129,700 FTE students. Using the at-risk weighting of 0.484 with the approved FY 2022 Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) of \$4,706, additional State Foundation Aid totaling \$295,418,208 would be required, all from the State General Fund (129,700 FTE students X 0.484 weighting X \$4,706 BASE = \$295,418,208). In addition, the Department notes that there would be an increase for state aid for the high-density at-risk weighting, which is calculated based on the density of at-risk students in school districts. However, the Department states that a fiscal effect estimate cannot be made, as the Department cannot determine in which districts the qualifying students would reside. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2269 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education