

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2513 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2513 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2513 would prohibit a test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing any questions about personal and private attitudes, values, beliefs, or practices of a student or the student's family, guardians, family members, associates, friends, or peers for any student in kindergarten through grade 12. However, a questioning instrument could be given if the parent or guardian of the student is notified not more than four months in advance of the administration of the questioning instrument. The bill would outline requirements of the notification to the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian would be required to give consent through a written or electronic signature and the consent could be only accepted after a parent or guardian has received the notification and had an opportunity to review the information. The bill would require written consent separately for each administration of questioning instrument.

Prior to the administration of an affected questioning instrument, a student would have the right to refuse to take the instrument at any time without limitation or suffer any adverse consequences with a refusal. In addition, each school district would be required to post and maintain a copy of each questioning instrument on the school district's website, as required by the bill. No instrument would be allowed to be incorporated into any academic program, course, or curriculum offered by a school district or any personally identifiable student data could be collected.

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of HB 2513 would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts; however, the agency notes that there would be additional administrative costs for local school districts, but these additional costs cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education