February 3, 2023

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 122 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 122 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

In the current school finance formula, the high-density at-risk weighting applies to school districts with populations of at-risk students exceeding 35.0 percent of the district’s enrollment. The weighting is calculated differently for districts with at-risk populations of at least 50.0 percent and for those with at-risk populations of at least 35.0 percent but less than 50.0 percent. The weighting may also be calculated at the school building level. The high-density at-risk weighting is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024 (FY 2024). SB 122 would remove the statutory sunset date of this weighting.

The Education Consensus Group estimates that in FY 2025 there would be approximately 14,163.4 FTE students that would be included in the high-density at-risk weighting. Without the enactment of SB 122, or a similar policy enacted in an appropriation bill, FY 2025 State Foundation Aid would be reduced by $76.8 million, utilizing a Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) in FY 2025 of $5,421 (14,163.4 FTE students X $5,421 FY 2025 BASE = $76,779,792). The Division of the Budget notes that in The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report, the Governor’s recommendations include a budget proviso to extend the sunset date of this weighting through FY 2025.

Sincerely,

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Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Department of Education