

January 28, 2011

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 174-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2024 by House Committee on Vision 2020

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2024 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2024 would create the Constitutional Education Suitability Commission. The 18-member Commission would comprise the following members, all appointed by the Governor: three teachers employed by a school district; three school district administrators; three parents or legal guardians who have a student enrolled in a school district; three members who are employed by a postsecondary educational institution; two individuals employed by private businesses in the hiring of employees; one employee of a private postsecondary education institution; one member serving in the US military or any US military reserve, one employee of the Kansas Board of Education; and one employee who is a member of a labor union and who is employed in the field of job training.

The responsibilities of the Commission would include the following:

1. Identify and make recommendations on the curriculum components required to be funded by the Legislature, under Article 6 of the *Kansas Constitution*;
2. Make recommendations as to whether specific extracurricular activities should be included in the curriculum components identified;
3. Provide specific justifications for all curriculum components;
4. Make specific recommendations regarding the role of distance education and other technologies to help the state meet the requirements of Article 6 of the *Kansas Constitution*;

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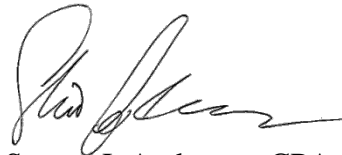
5. Make recommendations on how the state can best meet the requirements of Article 6 of the *Kansas Constitution* with particular emphasis on ensuring that all students have an equal opportunity to learn and succeed based on the student's capabilities;
6. Make recommendations regarding the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act that would maximize the state's financial contributions to student learning opportunities, and the ability of teachers and in-class support staff to assist students in the learning process; and
7. Recognize and take into consideration when making its recommendations whether high school graduates pursue postsecondary education opportunities or immediate employment opportunities, that all students need a sound academic foundation with appropriate life skills training.

Each member of the Commission who represents parents would be eligible to receive a per diem compensation of \$35 a day, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses. All other members of the Commission cannot be paid any additional compensation, allowance or reimbursement, other than what is agreed upon between the member and the member's employer.

The Commission would be required to submit to the Legislature a final report, including all recommendations, on or before December 1, 2012. The staff of the Board of Education and the Board of Regents would provide assistance as may be requested by the Commission.

If HB 2024 is enacted, the fiscal effect would be negligible, as the only compensation that would be paid would be to the three Commission members representing parents. The bill does not specify which state agency would be responsible for paying these member expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2024 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education