

January 25, 2012

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

Dear Representative Aurand:

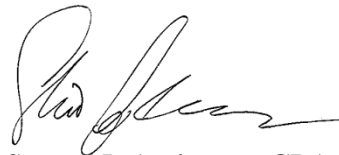
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2477 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2477 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, students are required to attend school until reaching the age of 18, but may drop out at age 16 or 17 with the approval of a parent or guardian. HB 2477 would require that students age 16 or 17 who withdraw from school be enrolled in an alternative education program, designed to help students obtain a high school diploma or general education diploma (GED).

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2477 would not change state aid to school districts. However, any additional costs associated with establishing or expanding alternative education programs would be borne by the school districts.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education