

January 30, 2018

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 286-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2484 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2484 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2484 would amend the definition of special education services to include assistive technology, sign language interpreting services, and Braille materials. School districts would be required to provide these additional services for exceptional children who attend a private, nonprofit elementary or secondary school that is located in the school district.

According to the Department of Education, the costs required to provide the additional services contained in the bill would be borne by local school districts. Special Education State Aid received by school districts is expressed in terms of excess cost, which is defined as the cost over and above the cost of educating a "regular" student. The statutory formula for Special Education State Aid requires state aid totaling 92.0 percent of excess costs. If the appropriation by the Legislature for this aid is not sufficient to fund 92.0 percent of excess costs, then the available amount of state aid is prorated to school districts by the Department.

As included in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*, the Governor recommends \$458.0 million from all funding sources for Special Education State Aid in FY 2019. However, the total estimated excess costs for FY 2019 are estimated at \$589.5 million, of which 77.7 percent would be funded by state aid. This recommendation would result in state aid being prorated to districts, as the state aid appropriation would not fund the statutorily required 92.0 percent of excess costs. In summary, although the bill would increase costs to local school districts, Special Education State Aid would not be increased by the enactment of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2484 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education