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

Dear Representative Aurand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2602 by Representatives Brim and Cox

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2602 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2602 would require the Kansas State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations for the appropriate screening of students for dyslexia and related disorders. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each district would be required to conduct appropriate screenings of students for dyslexia and related disorders. The screenings would be conducted in accordance with guidance provided the Board. In the event a screening indicates a student may have dyslexia or a related disorder, the district would be required to notify the parent or legal guardian and the notification may include a recommendation that the student be evaluated by a licensed physician, psychologist or psychiatrist.

If a student is diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, the parent or guardian may request an evaluation for an individualized education program or another educational plan. The request would need to include a written statement from a licensed physician, psychologist or psychiatrist stating that the student has been diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder. Upon receipt of such request, the district would conduct the appropriate evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2602 would not change state aid expenditures to school districts; however, any costs resulting from the bill would be borne by school districts. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2602 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dale Dennis, Education