

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2613 by Representative Essex

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2613 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

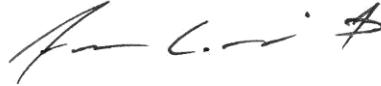
Under current law, the money in the Kansas Endowment for Youth (KEY) Fund can be transferred into the Children's Initiatives Fund. The bill would allow transfer from the KEY Fund into the newly created Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Fund. The bill would also require the Attorney General to appoint a statewide DARE educator. The DARE educator would be required to provide instruction using DARE curriculum, including content on fentanyl and other opioid drugs, to students in public elementary and secondary schools and perform other services and provide material and information as required to support the DARE program in Kansas. The bill would create the DARE Fund that would be administered by the Office of the Attorney General. Expenditures from this fund would be used to support the DARE program in Kansas. Each July 1, starting on July 1, 2024, the Director of Accounts and Reports, of the Department of Administration, would transfer \$300,000 from the KEY Fund to the DARE Fund. Any unencumbered money in the DARE Fund each June 30, starting on June 30, 2025, would be transferred back to the KEY Fund.

The Office of the Attorney General states that the bill would require the agency to hire 1.00 DARE Educator FTE position, and the agency estimates the total cost would be \$125,000 from the newly created DARE Fund for salary and related expenditures. The additional monies in the DARE fund would be used as specified in the bill to expand the DARE program to include fentanyl and other opioid drugs education.

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The Department of Education states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2613 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "P" at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
William Hendrix, Office of the Attorney General