

February 3, 2023

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

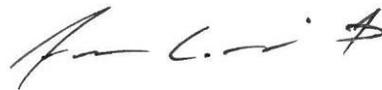
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 122 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 122 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

In the current school finance formula, the high-density at-risk weighting applies to school districts with populations of at-risk students exceeding 35.0 percent of the district's enrollment. The weighting is calculated differently for districts with at-risk populations of at least 50.0 percent and for those with at-risk populations of at least 35.0 percent but less than 50.0 percent. The weighting may also be calculated at the school building level. The high-density at-risk weighting is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024 (FY 2024). SB 122 would remove the statutory sunset date of the high-density at-risk weighting.

The Education Consensus Group estimates that in FY 2025 there would be approximately 14,163.4 FTE students that would be included in the high-density at-risk weighting. Without the enactment of SB 122, or a similar policy enacted in an appropriation bill, FY 2025 State Foundation Aid would be reduced by \$76.8 million, utilizing a Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) in FY 2025 of \$5,421 (14,163.4 FTE students X \$5,421 FY 2025 BASE = \$76,779,792). The Division of the Budget notes that in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*, the Governor's recommendations include a budget proviso to extend the sunset date of this weighting through FY 2025.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Department of Education