

January 20, 2026

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

Dear Representative Estes:

**SUBJECT:    Fiscal Note for HB 2415 by Representative McDonald**

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2415 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2415 would require the local board of education to appoint one or more nonvoting student representatives to the local board of education. The student representative would be authorized to attend all open meetings and receive all meeting materials, as well as express opinions and advocate. The student representative would not be able to attend closed or executive meetings, vote on any matters, or receive any compensation for being appointed to the local board of education.

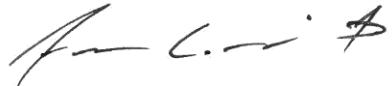
On or before August 1, 2026, each local board of education would be required to appoint a student representative to serve a term that would end on July 1, 2027, with subsequent terms of one year in duration. A student may be appointed to serve for not more than a total of two terms, not including any partial term if appointed to fill a vacancy. The local board of education would establish an application process, as well as an orientation process for new student representatives.

The Department of Education reports that the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts or a fiscal effect on agency operational costs.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would require staff time and resources to implement. If a student representative would attend any board training or official events, a school district would have costs with registration, as well as travel, meals, and accommodations. Also, having a student representative present at board meetings and

training sessions could create potential liability for the district in the event of any incident involving the student representative. However, the Association did not provide a fiscal effect estimate for school districts.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education  
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards