

January 26, 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 2530 by House Committee on Education**

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2530 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2530 would enact the Career Readiness Education Development Innovation Transferability Act (CREDIT). Each high school would be required to administer college and career readiness assessments to each student before the student graduates from high school. The bill would require the administering of the assessments in a manner and frequency as required by the State Board of Education.

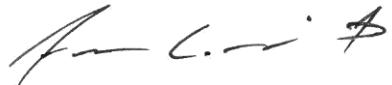
Each postsecondary educational institution would be required to adopt and implement a policy to use a platinum, gold, or silver credential earned through the ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, or similar credential, as transferable credit toward a postsecondary technical degree. The bill would require the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

According to the Department of Education, the bill would not have a fiscal effect on state aid to school districts or on its agency's operating expenses. The Department notes that the current state contract for the ACT assessments includes the ACT WorkKeys for students to take at no charge to the students. School districts could meet the requirements of the bill by continuing to provide this assessment tool for students. However, if a school district would elect to provide a different assessment tool for students, the additional cost would be borne by the school district. Any fiscal effect for school districts would depend on how many would choose a different assessment tool other than the ACT product and how many students would take the different assessment tool.

The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase administrative costs for developing and implementing new credit-transfer policies for the agency, as well as for the higher education institutions. However, KBOR cannot estimate a fiscal effect as the bill does not define a “postsecondary degree” to allow the agency to determine which programs and degrees would be affected. Any fiscal effect from the enactment of HB 2530 is not included in *The FY 2027 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards estimates that the enactment of the bill could create additional expenses in acquiring and administering the assessments (outside the ACT product) each year. However, the organization did not provide a fiscal effect estimate.

Sincerely,



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