

February 27, 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 2710 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2710 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2710 would create the Affirming Parental Rights Act. In each school year, each school district would be required to provide to each parent a link to the “Affirming Parental Rights” webpage. The Department of Education would be required to establish a standard webpage form which would be used by all school districts. The webpage would be required to include the affirming parental rights document established by the Attorney General, as described below.

On or before August 1, 2026, and each subsequent August 1st, the Attorney General would be required to provide a listing and description of inalienable parental rights protected by federal and state laws. The Attorney General would be required to update the information as may be necessary to account for the passage of new laws and court decisions regarding parental rights. The Attorney General would be required to notify the Department of Education when any updates are made. The Department of Education would notify each school district to update the website for the information. The bill would outline the contents of the Affirming Parental Rights Document that the school district would give to parents, who would affirm with a signature during enrollment.

If a parent believes that a school district is in violation of any parental right listed on the webpage, the parent may submit a written notice to the superintendent of the school district. A school district would be required to provide a written response to the alleged violation no later than 15 days following the receipt of the notice. The Department of Education would oversee, investigate complaints, and conduct compliance reviews of any school district regarding violations

of parental rights. The Department would have to report findings and any resolution to the parent and school district not less than 40 days following the receipt of the complaint. The Department would be required to submit a report to the State Board of Education, the Attorney General, and the Legislature that would include a summary of all complaints, as well as any findings and resolutions. The Department would be required to redact any personally identifiable information.

For any violation of parental rights as outlined in the bill, the school district would be liable for a civil penalty of \$5,000 for each violation and would be recoverable in an action brought by the Attorney General, county attorney, or district attorney. Any civil penalty recovered by the Attorney General would be deposited to the State General Fund. Any civil penalty recovered by a county or district attorney would be deposited into the county general fund.

According to the Department of Education, the agency currently does not have staff that would be able to investigate complaints that would be reported with the enactment of the bill. The agency reports that expenditures from the State General Fund totaling \$177,530 in FY 2027 would be required, including 2.00 FTE Investigators at a cost of \$86,765 each, including fringe benefits. Additionally, capital outlay expenditures totaling \$4,000 would be required for computer equipment acquisition for the new positions. For FY 2028, since the estimated costs would be ongoing, the Department would require expenditures totaling \$186,407, all from the State General Fund, using an estimated 5.0 percent inflation factor.

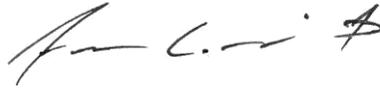
The Office of the Attorney General indicates that the enactment of the bill would require 1.00 FTE Assistant Attorney General at a cost of \$145,562, all from the State General Fund in FY 2027. This estimate includes \$133,905 for the cost of the new position, including fringe benefits, as well as \$11,657 for other operating expenditures, including office space, technology, legal research tools, training, and other support costs. Utilizing a 3.0 percent inflation rate, the agency estimates total costs for this position in FY 2028 totaling \$149,928 from the State General Fund, including \$137,921 for salaries and wages, including fringe benefits, and \$12,007 for other operating expenditures.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district court because the bill allows the Attorney General to file a civil action. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also increase the collection of docket fees and civil penalties, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, the Office cannot estimate a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2710 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates the enactment of the bill could require additional staff to defend actions before tribunals, depending on the size of the school district. In addition, the bill could have school districts paying civil violations, if found liable. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated, as the number of potential actions is not known.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that although the enactment of the bill would mainly affect school districts, county court enforcement of the provisions of the bill would likely increase expenditures. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
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