

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

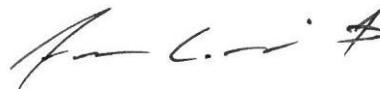
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2778 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2778 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, there is an exemption to the criminal use of weapons law that allows any individual over the age of 21, or with a provisional concealed handgun license, to possess a concealed handgun on school grounds or property, if not otherwise prohibited under federal or state law. HB 2778 would remove this exemption.

The Department of Education and the Office of the Attorney General indicate the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. The Office of Judicial Administration states that the enactment of the bill would have negligible effect on the agency's expenditures and revenues; although more crimes could be committed, the agency estimates that any fiscal effect would be absorbed within its existing budget resources. The Kansas Sentencing Commission reports that the enactment of the bill could increase convictions for class B select nonperson misdemeanors; however, this would have no effect on prison admissions or beds.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary  
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