

February 4, 2026

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

Dear Senator Erickson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 350 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 350 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 350 would enact the Age-Appropriate School Device Act. For grades kindergarten through five, students could not use any digital devices in the classroom. All instruction would be required to be print-based and hands-on. All tests and assessments would be required with printed materials.

For grades six through eight, students could use digital devices that are shared between other students or classrooms. However, schools could not individually issue digital devices to students. Any digital device that is owned by the school and used for instructional purposes would be required to restrict access to any non-instructional content. However, the total time that a student could spend on any digital device during normal school hours could not exceed one hour per school day. Any digital device that is owned by the school must remain on school premises.

For grades nine through 12, a school would be allowed to issue digital devices to students for instructional purposes. The total time that a student would spend on a digital device could not exceed 1.5 hours.

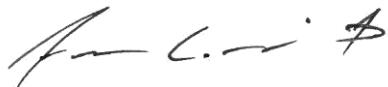
For all students allowed to use a digital device, as outlined by the bill, the school would be required to provide age-appropriate media literacy instruction, including various health-related harms associated with excessive digital device use and social media platforms. The instruction must be delivered without the use of a digital device.

The bill would outline digital device set-up and safety standards. Each school would be required to ensure that any personal information on a school-issued device is deleted prior to any reissuance to another student. The bill would allow a written request from any parent or person acting as a parent to opt out of any digital device issued to a student. Finally, the bill would not apply to any virtual school.

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of SB 350 would increase costs for both the state and school districts. Specifically, the agency would be required to revise the statewide assessments to be in compliance with the provisions of the bill. Currently, the statewide assessment is delivered through electronic means for students attending both virtual and school settings. Additional costs would be incurred for printing and shipping the assessment forms, with an additional alternative virtual assessment prepared in alignment with the revised paper test. In addition, there would be a delay in receiving assessment results with a revised paper test. Any redesign would require ample time to contract with a new selected vendor within the state's procurement rules. The Department notes that the current assessment has been offered electronically for over ten years and the agency does not have a reference to estimate the cost for a paper-based statewide assessment. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 350 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of SB 350 would increase costs to school districts, without additional state aid payments; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The increased costs would be associated with acquiring new education materials for all school districts and the costs would be ongoing.

Sincerely,



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