

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 381 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 381 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 381 would require the State Board of Education to develop age and developmentally appropriate curriculum, materials, and guidelines to provide students in grades kindergarten through 12 with an understanding of communist and socialist regimes and ideologies. Each school district would be required to provide instruction based on the materials developed by the State Board of Education.

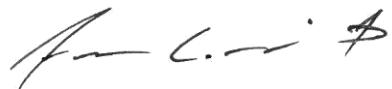
In addition, the bill would require all students who are enrolled in grade nine in any accredited public, private, or parochial high school to pass an examination on the principals of American Civics, on or after July 1, 2026. Any student that does not satisfactorily pass the examination would not be certified as having completed the course requirements for graduation from high school. The examination could be administered any time after a student has enrolled in grade seven and could be taken as many times as necessary to obtain a passing score. The bill would outline the number of questions and topics of the questions. The State Board of Education would be able to adopt rules and regulations to implement provisions of the bill.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$30,200	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$30,200	--
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Department of Education states that the enactment of SB 381 would require the agency to review the history and government curriculum standards for students in grades kindergarten through 12, with guidelines developed by the State Board of Education. The State Board would need to review the curriculum recommendations and develop the required test. In addition, the test would have to be converted to accessible formats, including Braille. In total, the Department would need one-time expenditures of \$30,200 in FY 2027, all from the State General Fund, to implement provisions of the bill. This estimate includes \$7,200 for 144 hours of facilitation time (\$50 per hour), including virtual and in-person meetings, as well as follow-up meetings; \$7,000 for travel and stipend costs, including subsistence expenditures, for 20 attendees; guidance, printing and training costs of \$6,000; and accessible test conversion costs of \$10,000. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 381 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would require school districts to either purchase curriculum or spend staff time to develop curriculum for the bill's requirements. Also, administration of the new exam would increase administrative expenditures. Because the bill would allow students to take the exam as many times until a passing grade can be achieved, the number of tests that would be administered is not known; as a result, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



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