

February 25, 2026

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 437 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 437 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 437 would establish the Technical College Funding Task Force, which would be comprised of 15 members as outlined in the bill. The Task Force would be required to do the following:

1. Develop a pilot outcomes-based state funding model for technical colleges that aligns with state investment with measurable outcome metrics;
2. Establish measurable outcome metrics for technical colleges and their impact on academic success, workforce outcomes, economic development, and community stability and reutilization. The outcome measures may include academic progress and completion, dual and concurrent enrollment and early postsecondary success, industry credentials and licensure, workforce entry and retention, critical-need, high-wage, and emerging-need occupation placement; and
3. Prepare and submit a report to the 2028 Legislature. The report would be required to include recommendations on establishing a pilot technical college funding model to test and validate the impact of the outcomes-based criteria, additional appropriations for the pilot funding model, the timing and method of implementation of the pilot funding model, and any other recommendations related to technical college funding.

The pilot funding model developed by the Task Force would: (1) recommend an amount of additional funding to be appropriated for the funding model; (2) develop an outcomes-based

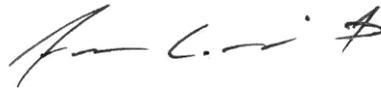
method of distribution of the recommended additional funding to technical colleges based on the outcome metrics established by the Task Force; (3) ensure appropriate distribution of additional state funding across technical colleges; and (4) align technical college funding with strategic state goals in economic development, rural revitalization, and workforce development and expansion.

Members of the Task Force would be appointed on or before December 31, 2026. The Chairperson would be selected by members of the Task Force. The quorum for the Task Force would be eight members. The Task Force could meet at any time and at any place within Kansas upon the call of the Chairperson. The staff of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, the Division of Legislative Administrative Services (LAS), the Board of Regents, and the Kansas Department of Education would provide assistance as requested by the Task Force. If approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, members of the Task Force who attend Task Force meetings would be paid for expenses, mileage, and subsistence.

LAS estimates additional State General Fund expenditures of \$5,702 in FY 2027 and \$22,814 in FY 2028. Of the FY 2027 amount, \$4,965 would be for non-legislator pay for Task Force members and \$737 would be for committee assistant pay. Of the FY 2028 amount, \$19,860 would be for non-legislator pay for Task Force members and \$2,954 would be for committee assistant pay. The estimates assume that the Task Force would have one meeting in FY 2027 and four meetings in FY 2028 and that no members of the 15-member Task Force would be legislators. LAS notes the bill does not have a sunset date, so the agency's estimates additional funding would be needed in future fiscal years beyond FY 2028.

The Board of Regents, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Research Department indicate any fiscal effect resulting from the bill's enactment would be absorbed within existing resources. The Department of Education indicates there would not be a fiscal effect if the bill is enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 437 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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