

February 20, 2012

The Honorable Lana Gordon, Chairperson
House Committee on Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Gordon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2693 by Representative Siegfried

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2693 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2693 would amend current law to permit local boards of education to contract with the State Board of Education for services provided by the School for the Deaf or School for the Blind. However, the services must be for the types of supports not related to a student's hearing or visual impairment. Any payments related to the contracted services must not be considered a charge of tuition, fees, or maintenance for any student.

The Department of Education indicates that enactment of HB 2693 would not require any additional appropriation of state funds for the Department. According to the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf, the bill as currently written would have no fiscal effect for either school. The Schools state that all services provided by each school are related to blindness and deafness, respectively. The School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf further assume that there are no services unrelated to blindness and deafness for which local school districts would enter into contracts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson".

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education
Sue Gamble, Schools for the Blind and Deaf