

March 7, 2012

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 448 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 448 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 448 would permit the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf to charge home school districts for special education and related services provided by special teachers when such teachers are required under a student's individual education plan. School districts would be authorized to seek reimbursements for the charges from special education state aid.

The Department of Education indicates that while SB 448 would not require any additional state funding, there would be a negligible reduction to the special education categorical aid per teacher.

The School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf state that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. This estimate assumes that all charges for special teachers to provide special education and related services at both schools would be collected from home school districts. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 448 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sue Gamble, Schools for the Blind & Deaf
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