

February 16, 2021

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 445B-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

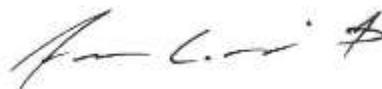
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 144 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 144 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the high-density at-risk weighting in the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act, also known as the school finance formula, has an expiration date of July 1, 2020. SB 144 would remove this weighting's statutory expiration date.

According to the Department of Education, the high-density at-risk weighting in the school finance formula distributes approximately \$56.0 million to eligible school districts in FY 2022. Under current law, through the appropriations bill that was enacted during the 2020 Legislative Session, the high-density at-risk weighting was authorized through FY 2022. Without the enactment of SB 144, or an extension of the weighting in an appropriations bill proviso after FY 2022, school districts would lose this funding after July 1, 2022. The Division of the Budget notes that in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report* recommendations, the Governor has included an appropriations proviso to extend the high-density at-risk weighting through FY 2023.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education