

February 24, 2022

The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 522 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 522 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

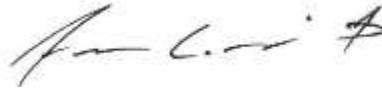
SB 522 would provide that for the purposes of promoting the safety and protection of students and emphasizing how students should respond when encountering a firearm, school districts could provide firearm safety education programs.

The State Board of Education would be required to establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program. The guidelines would include accident prevention. For students enrolled in kindergarten and grades one through five, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program” offered by the National Rifle Association. For grades six through eight, the curriculum would be based on the “Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program” or the “Hunter Education in Our Schools Program” offered by the Department of Wildlife and Parks. For grades nine through 12, the curriculum would be based on the “Hunter Education in Our Schools Program.” If a local board of education would elect to provide firearm safety education, the instruction would be required to be in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Education. The local board of education would be required to ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to take the course.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$70,000	\$70,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of SB 522 would require the creation of a standards development committee, which would include key stakeholders from across the state. The committee would meet multiple times over the course of a year to develop the required standards. Costs for the process would include development and review of materials, transportation reimbursement for some in-person meetings, and other development costs at an estimated cost of \$70,000, all from the State General Fund. The Department notes that local school districts would incur costs to train teachers in the new standards and purchase new curriculum materials; however, the cost of these materials would not be known until the standards are developed. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 522 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education