

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

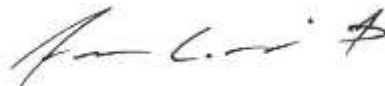
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 525 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 525 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, it is “the public policy goal” of the State of Kansas that at least 65.0 percent of funds provided by the state to school districts are required to be expended in the classroom or for instruction. SB 525 would remove the phrase “it is the public policy goal of the State of Kansas” to provide that at least 65.0 percent of funds provided by the state to school districts must be expended in the classroom or for instruction.

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of SB 525 would not change state aid expenditures for school finance to school districts. However, the agency notes that increased costs for bus drivers, custodians, clerical staff, and other expenditures that are not included in the statutory definition of “instruction” would limit funds for these expenditures.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education