

February 20, 2023

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 231 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 231 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 231 would enact the Children of Public School Teachers Educational Assistance Act to be administered by the Kansas Board of Regents. The Act would provide tuition assistance for up to two eligible undergraduate students per family who are 23 years of age or under and whose parent:

1. Holds a valid Kansas teaching license;
2. Has been a teacher employed by a Kansas school district for at least eight years for the first eligible student, or ten years for the second eligible student; and
3. Has a household income of less than \$120,000 for a family of four, or less than \$170,000 for a family of four who resides in Johnson County.

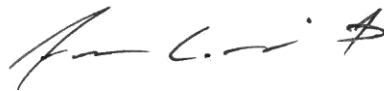
The parent's years of service as a teacher may be non-consecutive but must be met within a 16-year period. The student would be required to be enrolled at a Kansas community college, municipal university, or state university, and remain in good standing with satisfactory progress toward degree program completion. The Board of Regents may adopt rules and regulations for implementation and administration of this Act. The Board would be required to publish an annual report on the Act for presentation to the Legislature beginning January 2024. Kansas educational institutions would be prohibited from delaying enrollment of an eligible student who is receiving tuition assistance because appropriations are not available.

The bill would also deem as Kansas residents for the purposes of tuition and fees, up to two individuals in a family who have a parent who was employed by a Kansas school district for at least four years, but no more than seven years, and who have enrolled or have been accepted for admission at any public university, municipal university, community college or technical college. The bill would not apply to any individual who was not deemed a resident and enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution prior to July 1, 2028.

The Kansas Board of Regents indicates the enactment of SB 231 would require additional appropriations to the Tuition Waivers State General Fund account. However, the Board indicates the amount needed is cannot be estimated, as the average annual cost of attendance for full-time students varies by institution and the number of students that would be eligible cannot be determined. The Board indicates the average annual cost of tuition and fees is \$8,430 at the state universities, \$3,632 at the community colleges and \$4,900 at the technical colleges. The Board indicates the bill would also affect revenue to state universities, community colleges and technical colleges but a fiscal effect cannot be estimated as the effect would vary by institution and the number of students enrolled who would qualify is not known.

The Board indicates the bill would increase its expenditures by \$187,427, including \$130,000 for salaries, \$41,427 for benefits, and \$16,000 for other operating expenses required for 2.00 FTE positions that would be responsible for creating rules and regulations, administering the scholarship program, awarding scholarships to eligible students, developing a way to award incentives to eligible students, and tracking students and scholarship recipients according to the requirements of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 231 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents
Craig Neuenswander, Department of Education