

February 24, 2011

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 174-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2301 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2301 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2301 would close the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind effective July 1, 2012. The State Board of Education must report on or before January 9, 2012 to the Governor, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Committee on Appropriations any recommendations regarding the closing of the schools. The recommendations must include options for alternative placement of the students, staff and teacher severance benefits recommendations, proposals for the disposal of personal and real property, any legislation required to close the schools, and any other appropriate recommendations determined by the Board.

While enactment of HB 2301 would result in expenditure reductions related to the closure of the schools, according to the Department of Education most of the reductions would be offset by increased school district costs to provide comparable services. Using the Governor's FY 2012 recommendations from *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*, it is estimated that HB 2301 would reduce expenditures by \$15,837,480 from all funding sources, including \$14,018,784 from the State General Fund, and eliminate 233.00 FTE positions in FY 2013. However, the Department of Education indicates that of the total State General Fund savings, approximately \$1.0 million would be used for increases in general and supplemental general state aid and the remaining amount, \$13,018,784, would be used to fund the special education categorical aid program in the form of additional teachers and paraprofessionals and to fund the catastrophic aid program. Additional revenue from the sale of school property would be

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realized; however, a precise estimate is unknown until a thorough assessment of asset values can be made. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2301 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education  
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Jeanette Magathan, School for the Deaf