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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson House Committee on Education Statehouse, Room 218-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2466 by Representative Huebert

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2466 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2466 would require each high school operated by a school district to offer at least one computer science course, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. In addition, students entering the ninth grade class in the 2025-2026 school year would be required to earn one unit of credit in an approved high school computer science course for graduation. For a student who has an individualized education program (or a similar program), accommodations would be provided to meet the requirements of the bill. The bill would have a sunset of July 1, 2025.

The bill would appropriate \$1.0 million from the State General Fund in FY 2023 to the Department of Education to provide grants to high-quality professional learning providers. These providers would develop and implement teacher professional development programs for computer science courses.

Also, the bill would appropriate \$1.0 million from the State General Fund in FY 2023 to the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) for computer science preservice educator grants. Funds would be used to provide scholarships, up to \$1,000 each, to students pursuing a degree in elementary or secondary education, who complete one course in computer science at a state educational institution or community college. Scholarship awards would be prioritized to the recruitment of students from underrepresented groups and candidates who agree to teach computer science in rural schools and schools with higher percentages of students from underrepresented groups. Funds may also be used to support eligible preservice education programs with the development and implementation of pathways in computer science education to help preservice teachers to add a certification to teach computer science education within their intended major and area of certification.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue				
Expenditure			\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FTE Pos.				

According to the Department of Education and KBOR, the bill could be implemented if the appropriations remain in the bill. KBOR notes that the agency currently administers similar types of programs and could implement the bill with its current staff. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2466 is not reflected in The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents