

January 24, 2011

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

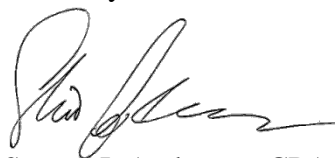
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 27 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 27 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the bilingual education weighting in the school finance formula is computed by taking the full-time equivalent enrollment of students in approved bilingual education programs and multiplying this amount by 0.395. SB 27 would change the weighting formula by taking the headcount of pupils of a district who are enrolled in programs of bilingual education and multiplying this amount by 0.2.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 27 would have a negligible fiscal effect on state aid. However, the bill's enactment would cause a shift in state aid among districts, with some districts receiving more aid and others less aid.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education