

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2060**

As Recommended by House Committee on K-  
12 Education Budget

**Brief\***

HB 2060 would establish the Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force. The bill would outline the topics to be studied by the Task Force, provide for the appointment and compensation of Task Force members, establish the frequency and location of meetings, and require a report to the Legislature.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

***Task Force Study Topics***

The Task Force would be required to study and make recommendations for changes in the existing formula for the funding of special education and related services. In doing so, the Task Force would be required to conduct hearings in order to receive and consider suggestions from subject matter experts and the public at large.

The Task Force would be required to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the work and recommendations of the Task Force on or before January 14 of each year.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

## ***Organization of Task Force***

### ***Membership***

The Task Force would consist of the following ten members:

- Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representative;
- Two members to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representative;
- One member to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- One member to be appointed by the State Board of Education;
- Two members to be appointed by the State Department of Education who are professionals in the field of special education and related services; and;
- One member to be a parent of a student who receives special education services. The appointment would be for one year and alternate between the Speaker and the President.

The bill would require the members of the Task Force to be appointed on or before July 1, 2023. Vacancies on the Task Force would be filled by appointment in the manner provided for the original appointment.

### *Task Force Leadership*

The Speaker shall designate one of their appointments to call the first meeting of the Task Force. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Task Force would be elected by the Task Force members.

### *Compensation*

If approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, Task Force members attending meetings authorized by the Task Force would receive compensation as provided under KSA 75-3223(e), except for Task Force members employed by a state agency who would be reimbursed by such state agency.

### *Meetings*

The Task Force would be authorized to meet in an open meeting at any time and at any place in the state upon the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting members would constitute a quorum. Any action by the Task Force would require a motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a quorum.

### *Support Services*

The bill would require the staff of the Office of Revisor of Statutes, Kansas Legislative Research Department, and Division of Legislative Administrative Services to provide assistance as requested by the Task Force.

### ***Data and Information Provided***

The State Board of Education would be required to provide consultants and assistance when requested by the Task Force and any information or documentation requested by the Task Force.

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on K-12 Budget at the request of Representative K. Williams.

### ***House Committee on K-12 Education Budget***

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards provided neutral testimony generally supporting the bill though identified concerns with the makeup of the Task Force.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by members of the State Board of Education.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided a member of the public.

No other testimony was provided.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Legislative Coordinating Council indicates enactment of the bill would increase salary, subsistence, and other costs by approximately \$25,831 from the State General Fund in FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force; education; special education; task force; report; appropriations; school finance; Legislature