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TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee

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SUBJECT: 2012 House Bill 2777

The Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) have been charging school districts for paraprofessionals who assist in providing special education and related services to students when such paraprofessionals are required under a student's individual education plan (IEP).

Current law (KSA 76-1006 and KSA 76-1102) provides that KSSD/KSSB may not charge tuition, fees, or maintenance. House Bill 2777 amends current law to include special education paraprofessionals who assist in providing special education and related services to students at KSSD/KSSB as part of the special education categorical aid law. The revenue for the two schools will decline without the passage of 2012 House Bill 2777.

These paraprofessionals would be added to the school district categorical aid claim to the state if required by the IEP. The number of paraprofessionals at the two schools varies from year to year but generally range between 12 and 15 each year.

The passage of House Bill 2777 will result in school districts receiving categorical aid that would equate to approximately 50 percent of the cost and the remaining 50 percent would be paid by the school district from their special education fund.