

January 22, 2013

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kelley:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2004 by Representative Huebert

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2004 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

With enactment of HB 2004, if a student's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade three, as demonstrated by scoring less than proficient on the state reading assessment, the student would be retained in grade three unless good cause is shown why the student should be exempted from the mandatory retention. Good cause exemptions would be limited to the following:

1. Students enrolled in a bilingual education program who have obtained less than two years of instruction in that school district;
2. An exceptional student who receives special education services whose individual education plan indicates that participation in a statewide assessment program is not appropriate or that the student has received intensive remediation in reading for two or more years and still demonstrates a deficiency and has been retained in kindergarten, grade one, two or three;
3. A student who demonstrates an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment, approved by the State Board of Education;
4. A student who has received intensive remediation in reading for two or more years, but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade one, two or three for a total of two years; and
5. A student whose parent or guardian gives written consent to the school district permitting the student to be promoted.

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According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2004 would have no net effect on state aid payments to school districts.

Sincerely,

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

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA  
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education