

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Ward Cassidy, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education Budget  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Cassidy:

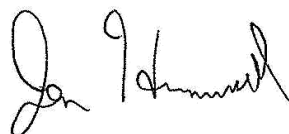
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2623 by House Committee on Veterans, Military and  
Homeland Security

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2623 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2623 would require all school district building construction projects on or after January 1, 2015, to include the construction of a storm shelter to be located in the building of the new project. The storm shelter would be designed and constructed in compliance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Adjutant General. If the building project already has an existing storm shelter that is not in compliance with the rules and regulations, then the plans for the new project would be required to include the remodeling or reconstruction of the existing storm shelter. The Kansas Board of Education would be required to coordinate with the Adjutant General to develop, adopt, and enforce any of the rules and regulations.

Enactment of HB 2623 could have the potential to increase Capital Improvement State Aid payments to school districts, as new school building projects would be constructed with storm shelter specifications set by the Adjutant General. However, the Department of Education indicates that most new buildings constructed by school districts already include storm shelters. As a result, the Department states the fiscal effect would be negligible. The Adjutant General and the Department of Education indicate that the agencies' existing staff and budget would be able to implement HB 2623. Any fiscal effect resulting from the enactment of HB 2623 is not included in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education  
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