

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Ronald Highland, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 561-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2257 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2257 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2257 would amend the Professional Negotiations Act relating to school districts. The bill would provide that upon entering negotiations, the parties would be required to negotiate compensation of professional employees. In addition, each party could select no more than five additional terms and conditions of professional service for negotiation from a statutory list. All other terms and conditions would be considered “permissive topics” for negotiation and would only be negotiated upon the mutual agreement of the parties. This change would not apply to negotiations between a local board of education and a professional employees’ organization negotiating for reaching their first agreement. In addition, the bill would extend the date for notification to negotiate new items or amend an existing contract from February 1 to March 31 for either party.

Finally, those individuals selected by the local board of education and the professional employees’ organization to conduct negotiations would be required to complete negotiation training each year. The content and format of the training would be determined by each respective party that is represented in negotiations.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2257 would have no fiscal effect on state expenditures or revenues.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education