

February 9, 2016

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

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2588 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2588 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2588 would require each local board of education to adopt a written student data access policy that would: (1) specify which school district personnel are authorized to access, manage or use student data; (2) define the responsibilities of school district personnel who access student data; (3) provide individualized access privileges and restrictions based upon the access needed by school district personnel to perform assigned duties; and (4) require school district personnel with access to student data to receive training on the student data access policy. Student data that is electronically stored or maintained by any educational agency would be required to be encrypted. The bill would outline requirements for the data to be encrypted.

In addition, the bill would require written consent by a student's parents or legal guardian before an educational agency discloses directory information to any vendor that provides photography services, class ring services, yearbook publishing services, memorabilia services or other similar services. Under current law, written consent is not required to disclose directory information to vendors.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2588 would not affect state aid payments to school districts. Any costs associated with encryption of data would be borne by local school districts.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education