

To: The House Education Committee

From: The Central Kansas League representing schools and communities in Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Hillsboro, Hoisington, Kingman, Larned, Lyons, Nickerson, Pratt and Smoky Valley (Lindsborg).

Re: HB 2540 (Authorizing participation by certain students in activities regulated by KSHSAA)

Date: 1/30/2018

The schools of the Central Kansas League (CKL) oppose HB 2540 for the following reasons. There would be limited ability for the schools to be able to hold students, who are not enrolled in the district, accountable for content, grades and behavior, both in and out of school. Enrollment in the school district implies commitment to the ideals and expectations of each of our schools. An unwillingness to be enrolled implies an unwillingness to adhere to those same points. We would gladly enroll any student who wishes to participate in the activities that our schools offer. We understand, in reading the proposal, that there are some safeguards in the legislation and that the local school boards have say in this. We still, respectfully, oppose it as legislation that may imbalance the very beliefs that schools have in their ability to grow the whole child.

Sincerely,

The CKL