

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2659 by Representatives Lynn and Stogsdill

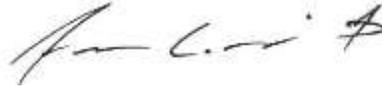
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2659 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2659 would create the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act and would require the Department of Education and school districts to provide information and develop policies to address sudden cardiac arrest during athletic activities. The Department would be required to develop and publish on its website guidelines and materials to inform and education student athletes, parents, guardians, and coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. Each school year and prior to participation in an athletic activity, the student and student's parent (or guardian) would be required to sign and return to the school an acknowledgement of receipt and review of the information provided on sudden cardiac arrest.

Prior to the start of each athletic activity season, a school may hold an informational meeting on sudden cardiac arrest for all ages of competitors which may be attended by parents, students, coaches, school officials, physicians, pediatric cardiologists, and athletic trainers. The bill would provide specific guidance on what to do if a student passes out or faints, or if cardiac-related symptoms would occur while participating in an athletic activity. A student that would be removed from an activity would not be permitted to return until the student is evaluated and cleared for return by an appropriate medical professional. Once per school year, each school coach would be required to complete an approved sudden cardiac arrest training course. Each school board would be required to establish penalties for coaches found in violation of the bill's requirements by July 1, 2024.

The Department of Education indicates that the enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect for the administrative requirements. School districts also would have administrative responsibilities; however, any fiscal effect would also be negligible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education