

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2709 by Representatives Martinez and Melton

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2709 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2709 would establish Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week for each public school in grades six through 12. The State Board of Education would be required to designate a week each school year as fentanyl poisoning awareness week and develop statewide standards on age-appropriate instruction on prevention and abuse of these drugs. The Board would be required to distribute these standards to each school district.

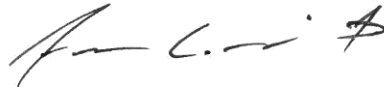
The local board of education of each district would be required to adopt policies and procedures that would align with the Board standards to provide instruction to students in grades six through 12. Instruction during awareness week would include: (1) prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl and other opioids; (2) awareness of school and community resources available to help with abuse and addiction and how to access resources; (3) education on over-the-counter opioid antagonist medications and how these are administered; and (4) health education, including information on general substance use and abuse and youth substance use and abuse. The local board of education may provide instruction as part of any other drug abuse awareness and prevention program provided by public or private third-party organizations or law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Education indicates that the required additional administrative requirements for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the agency. However, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's administrative resources, additional expenditures for administrative costs beyond

the Department's current budget in future years may be required. In addition, the agency would require expenditures totaling \$3,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2025 and in future fiscal years for printing and distribution costs of materials for the Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2709 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards reports that the enactment of the bill would likely result in school districts experiencing costs associated with implementing a new curricular program. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards