

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 167 by Senate Committee on Education

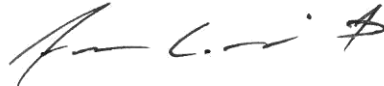
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 167 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 167 would require certain school employees to receive up to one hour of training in seizure recognition and related first aid beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The training would be required to be consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by a nationally recognized organization focused on epilepsy. The training would include instruction in recognizing the signs and symptoms of seizures, responding to such signs and symptoms with appropriate steps, and administering seizure medications. The training could include online information or materials.

The school nurse assigned to the school where training is required or the school administrator in the absence of a school nurse, would be required to coordinate the provision of epilepsy and seizure disorder care at the school. These individuals would be required to ensure that all school employees are trained in each school year that have a student with a seizure disorder enrolled. The student's parents are to collaborate with appropriate school personnel and the student's doctor to create a seizure action plan to be kept on file, along with the parents' written authorization and doctor's statement to administer the medication at school. This bill would provide immunity from liability for loss or damage caused by act or omission resulting from any training. The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Department of Education indicates the enactment of the bill would require school districts to provide training for seizure recognition and related first aid; however, any fiscal effect would be negligible because it is likely most schools would use online training.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Department of Education