Kansas

Division of the Budget

February 24, 2011

The Honorable Lana Gordon, Chairperson
House Committee on Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Gordon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2204 by House Committee on Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2204 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2204 would create the college credit scholarship program, to be administered by the Kansas Department of Education. A student would qualify for a scholarship if: (1) the student is enrolled in a public school; (2) the student has been accepted for admission at an institution; (3) the student would receive credit towards high school graduation for the course taken at the institution; and (4) the parent has submitted an application for a scholarship, in a manner specified by the Department. The Kansas Board of Education would be required to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the program. Finally, a student who has been awarded a scholarship would be counted as the proportion of one student that the pupil's attendance bears to full-time attendance, to the nearest one-tenth.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, there are approximately 7,900 students who are taking college classes at state public higher education institutions who would count as high school credit. The number of parents that would apply for the scholarship is not known. However, the scholarship program would be subject to appropriations. Because the bill would reduce the FTE count by the proportion of time a student is attending the college classes, the bill would reduce general state aid to school districts by an unknown amount. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2204 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dale Dennis, Education