

February 19, 2007

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 115-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2327 by Representative Kinzer, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2327 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2327 would establish the Applied Behavioral Science Training Program at the University of Kansas (KU) in order to provide incentives for persons pursuing a master's degree in applied behavioral science with an emphasis in autism disorders. The bill would authorize KU to enter into agreements with up to five first-year master's students per year. Each student would be eligible for a loan of \$20,000 per year for up to three years for tuition, books, and related materials. The loan would be forgiven if the student meets certain service requirements, including becoming certified as an applied behavior analyst with a special emphasis in autism disorders, and for each year that a loan was received, working as an analyst in the field full-time for one year. Any student who failed to satisfy the service obligation would have to repay the loan at the prime interest rate plus 2.0 percent.

The University of Kansas estimates that the bill for the first year would cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000 for additional staff time to process the applications and certifications for the loan program. If student interest in the program increases, it is possible that beginning in FY 2009, the Department of Applied Behavioral Science would need to hire 1.00 additional professional staff FTE position to teach some of the courses, set up practicum sites, and supervise students. The cost for the position would be in the range of \$55,000 to \$65,000 per year. In addition, the cost to offer the loans, subject to appropriations, would be up to \$100,000 for FY 2008, \$200,000 for FY 2009, and \$300,000 for FY 2010 based on an amount of \$20,000

per year for each of five students, each of whom would be eligible for the loan for three years. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of this bill would be in addition to amounts recommended in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane A. Goossen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Duane A. Goossen  
Director of the Budget

cc: Theresa Gordzica, University of Kansas  
Dale Dennis, Education