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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 24, 2023
Subject: Bill Brief – House Bill 2060

House Bill 2060 would establish the special education and related services funding task force. The task force's duties would consist of the following:

1. Study and make recommendations for changes in the existing formula for funding of special education and related services;
2. conduct hearings and receive and consider suggestions from teachers, parents, the department of education, the state board of education, other governmental officers and agencies and the general public concerning funding for special education and related services; and
3. make and submit reports to the legislature on the work of the task force concerning recommendations of the task force. Such reports shall include recommendations for legislative changes and submitted on or before January 14 of each year.

Under HB 2060, the task force would be composed of 10 members as follows:

1. Two members appointed by the speaker of the house;
2. two members appointed by the president of the senate;
3. one member appointed by the minority leader of the house;
4. one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
5. one member appointed by the state board of education;
6. two members appointed by the state department of education who are professionals in the field of special education and related services; and

7. one member who shall be a parent of a student who receives special education and related services. Such member would be appointed by the speaker of the house in odd numbered years and by the president of the senate in even numbered years.

Members of the task force would be required to be appointed on or before July 1, 2023. The speaker would designate the member who shall call the first meeting of the task force and the members of the task force would then select the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the task force. HB 2060 authorizes members to be paid amounts for expenses, milage and subsistence allowances if approved by the LCC.

Staff from the office of revisor of statutes, Kansas legislative research department and legislative administrative services would be required to assist the task force.

HB 2060 would take effect upon its publication in the Kansas register.