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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Waymaster and Members of the House Committee on Appropriations
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 3, 2026
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2781

House Bill No. 2781 authorizes the state historical society to acquire the junior officers' quarters at Fort Dodge and maintain the property as a historical landmark.

Section 1(a) provides that the junior officers' quarters at Fort Dodge located in Ford County, Kansas is declared to possess a historical interest to the state. Section 1(b) authorizes the state historical society to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or donation the junior officers' quarters at Fort Dodge and provides a legal description of the property to be acquired by the state historical society. Section 1(c) states that the property shall not be accepted by the director of the state historical society until the attorney general approves the deed for the property and determines that the conveyance would convey a fee simple interest for the property to the state of Kansas. Finally, section 1(d) places the property under the control and management of the state historical society to establish and maintain the building and land as a historical landmark. Section 1(d) also authorizes the state historical society to adopt rules and regulations relating to the use, preservation, improvement, control and maintenance of the property.

If enacted, the provisions of HB 2781 become effective July 1, 2026.