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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: HB 2485—Negotiation and Settlement of Scholarship Repayment Obligations

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House Bill 2485 would authorize the chief executive officer of the state board of regents to negotiate and settle any repayment obligations arising under any scholarship, grant or other financial aid program administered by the board and prohibit the payment of additional funds to any student who is subject to repayment obligations under such financial aid programs.

In 2025, the legislature enacted K.S.A. 74-32,313 to grant the state board of regents authority to recover the costs of collection actions when seeking repayment of scholarship awards.[1] HB 2485 would amend the statute to authorize the chief executive officer of the state board of regents to negotiate and settle scholarship repayment obligations.

Additionally, the bill would render any person who is subject to a repayment obligation ineligible to receive any additional funds under any statutory scholarship, grant or other student financial aid program.

HB 2485 would take effect on July 1, 2026, upon publication in the statute book.

[1] Service scholarship programs require the scholarship recipient to agree to fulfill certain postgraduate requirements as a condition of receiving the scholarship and failure to meet those obligations results in the repayment of the scholarship award.