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MEMORANDUM

To:	Senate Committee on Education
From:	Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date:	March 13, 2026
Subject:	HB 2374—Specialty Practice Student Loan Program and Repayment Fund

House Bill 2374 as amended by House Committee would create the specialty practice student loan program and the specialty practice student loan repayment fund, allow for the transfer of funds from the OBGYN and psychiatry medical student loan repayment funds to the specialty practice student loan repayment fund and abolish the OBGYN and psychiatry medical student loan repayment funds.

Current law provides as part of the medical student loan act, a psychiatry medical student loan program and OBGYN medical student loan program that provide loan repayment assistance and a stipend for living expenses to medical students who agree to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area. HB 2374 would amend the medical student loan act by creating the specialty practice student loan program and ending the psychiatry and OBGYN medical student loan programs and their corresponding funds.

Section 1 of the bill establishes the specialty practice student loan program to be administered by the University of Kansas Medical Center. The University of Kansas Medical Center would be authorized to enter into medical student loan agreements with undergraduate students who intent to pursue practice in an approved specialty and commit to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area. The chancellor of the University of Kansas would administer the program, determine workforce needs, allocate eligible specialties, determine any new specialties and update locations as service commitment areas based on population,

comorbidity, community needs and other relevant data. Any unawarded specialty agreements may be used for primary care agreements.

The bill would also make conforming and technical amendments to the medical student loan act, including K.S.A. 76-380, 76-381, 76-382 and 76-384.

Section 6 would amend K.S.A. 76-385 to authorize the chancellor to transfer moneys from the medical loan repayment fund to the specialty loan repayment fund. This section would also abolish the OBGYN and psychiatry medical student loan repayment funds and establish the specialty medical loan repayment fund.

HB 2374 would take effect on July 1, 2026, upon publication in the statute book.