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MEMORANDUM

To:	Chairperson Thomas
	Members of the House Committee on Education
From:	The Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date:	February 14, 2023
Subject:	HB 2278 – KSDE audits of school district safe and secure school plans.

House Bill No. 2278 (HB 2278) would require the State Department of Education (KSDE) to audit each school district's safe and secure school plans during SY 2023-2024. A district's safe and secure school plans are those policies and procedures for securing school buildings and the students inside from external threats. Such plans are adopted in compliance with the State Board of Education's Kansas Safe and Secure Schools Standards. KSDE would be required to report to the standing committees on education during the 2025 session on the results of the plan audits.

HB 2278 would also require KSDE to begin conducting on-site inspections in SY 2023-2024. The on-site inspections would be to determine school district compliance with the district's safe and secure school plans. KSDE would inspect at least 10 school districts each school year. Beginning in the 2025 legislative session, KSDE would also report to the standing committees on education on the results of the on-site inspections.

If enacted, HB 2278 would become effective on July 1, 2023.