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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Thomas  
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 17, 2024

Subject: HB 2494 – Requiring the adoption of policies and procedures for school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans.

House Bill No. 2494 (HB 2494) would require the development and adoption of school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans by all school districts. The bill also requires the State Board of Education (KSBE) to develop statewide standards for such plans and provides grant funds for school districts to financial assist districts in implementing the adopted plans.

Section 1 directs KSBE to develop statewide standards for both types of plans after consulting the Office of the Adjutant General, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the State Fire Marshal, and any other state or local agencies KSBE deems necessary. In general, the standards must include the following:

- Evaluation of district building infrastructure;
- Training of district employees on policies and procedures;
- Notification of appropriate local agencies, such as law enforcement and emergency management agencies, during an emergency;
- Evacuation and securing of district buildings during an emergency;
- Procedures for recovery when an emergency ceases;
- Incorporation of the plans within existing district emergency response plans;
- Distribution of plans to the appropriate local agencies; and
- Procedures for ensuring district accountability in complying with statewide standards when adopting plans.

In developing statewide standards, KSBE must identify the roles and responsibilities for implementing the plans at the district and school building levels. KSBE may consider and utilize materials and resources of federal agencies and national organizations, such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Heart Association.

Section 1 also requires that the statewide standards for school safety and security plans include:

- Infrastructure of district buildings, including entrances and exit points and structural integrity;
- Security technology, such as intruder detection and security cameras; and
- Communications systems between the district and law enforcement agencies;

For cardiac emergency response plans, the statewide standards must include:

- Appropriate use of school personnel during a cardiac emergency;
- Establishing a cardiac emergency response team;
- Placement of automated defibrillators in district buildings and regular maintenance of the devices;
- Identifying the location of automated defibrillators in the buildings;
- Training school personnel on the use of automated defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);
- Communications systems between the district and local emergency medical services; and
- Developing event-specific emergency action plans.

Section 2 of HB 2494 requires each school district to adopt a school security and safety plan and a cardiac emergency response plan in accordance with the statewide standards. Each school district is required to consult with local law enforcement agencies in developing a school safety and security plan. Upon adoption of such plan, copies are to be sent to local law enforcement and emergency management agencies as well as KSBE.

Upon adoption of a cardiac emergency response plan, each district is required to:

- Provide copies to local law enforcement agencies and emergency medical services;
- Review such plan with administrators and district employees before the start of each school year; and

- Review such plan again at the end of the school year with administrators, nurses, and local law enforcement and emergency medical services agencies.

Section 2 also requires the cardiac emergency response plan be rehearsed prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all athletic directors and nurses and all coaches and trainers that are participating in such season. Each athletic coach is required to obtain CPR certification.

Section 3 of HB 2494 creates the school safety and security grant program under KSBE. The program will operate similarly to the grant program that has been established by appropriation proviso for the past several years. The bill establishes a statutory grant fund for the program to provide districts with financial assistance in implementing school safety and security plans.

Section 4 of HB 2494 creates the school cardiac emergency response grant program under the Department of Health and Environment. The bill establishes a statutory grant fund for the program to provide districts with financial assistance in implementing cardiac emergency response plans.

If enacted, HB 2494 would become effective on July 1, 2024.