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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 8, 2024

Subject: HB 2613 – Establishing a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) educator position and providing funding for D.A.R.E. programs.

House Bill No. 2613 (HB 2613) would amend K.S.A. 75-721 to direct the Attorney General to appoint a statewide Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) educator. The Attorney General is already directed by the statute to appoint a statewide D.A.R.E. coordinator, who is tasked with assisting law enforcement agencies and schools in creating D.A.R.E. programs and training law enforcement officers on how to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum. The D.A.R.E. educator will provide direct instruction to public school students and provide other services in support of the D.A.R.E. program.

HB 2613 also establishes the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Fund in the office of the Attorney General. The new fund would receive an annual demand transfer of \$300,000 from the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund. The Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund is a trust fund established by K.S.A. 38-2101 to invest the moneys received by the State from tobacco litigation settlement agreements. Currently, moneys in the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund may be spent for the operating expenses of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet or for transfers to the Children’s Initiatives Fund.

If enacted, HB 2613 would become effective on July 1, 2024.