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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on K-12 Education Budget
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2485

Under the Kansas school equity and enhancement act (KSEEA), a school district’s state aid amount is generally determined each year based on a school district’s weighted full-time equivalent enrollment count.

$\text{Weighted Enrollment} = \text{Full Time Equivalent Enrollment} + \text{Weightings}$ $\text{Total Foundation Aid} = \text{BASE aid} \times \text{Weighted Enrollment}$ $\text{State Foundation Aid} = \text{Total Foundation Aid} - \text{Local Foundation Aid}$

Current Law

Currently, the KSEEA requires the state department of education and school districts to use the student enrollment count from the preceding school year to determine state aid entitlements in the current school year. The KSEEA generally provides two alternatives to the use of the preceding year student enrollment count as follows:

- For any school district that experienced a decrease in enrollment between the second preceding school year and the preceding school year, the district may determine enrollment by using the second preceding school year enrollment count.
- For any school district that receives federal impact aid for the enrollment of military students and that experienced a decrease in enrollment between the second preceding school year and the preceding school year, the district may determine enrollment as follows:
 - Use the second preceding school year enrollment count; or
 - Use the average of the preceding, second preceding, and third preceding school year enrollment counts.

House Bill 2485

House Bill 2485 amends the definition of enrollment under the KSEEA to require the state department of education and school districts use the current school year student enrollment count to determine state aid entitlements in the current school year. HB 2485 authorizes two alternatives to the use of the current year student enrollment count as follows:

- For any school district that experienced a decrease in enrollment between the preceding school year and the current school year, the district may determine enrollment by using the preceding school year enrollment count.
- For any school district that receives federal impact aid for the enrollment of military students and that experienced a decrease in enrollment between the second preceding school year and the preceding school year, the district may determine enrollment as follows:
 - Use the current year enrollment count;
 - Use the preceding year enrollment count; or
 - Use the average of the preceding, second preceding, and third preceding school year enrollment counts.

HB 2485 also requires any school district that closed an attendance center building in the preceding school year to determine enrollment using the current year enrollment count regardless of whether the district's enrollment decreased.

HB 2485 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon its publication in the statute book.