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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on K-12 Education Budget
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 24, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – House Bill 2506

House Bill 2506 would require the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) to allow students who attend a virtual school to participate in KSHSAA activities in the student’s resident school district. HB 2506 would prohibit KSHSAA from requiring any such virtual student to enroll in or attend a minimum number of courses at the student’s resident school district as a prerequisite for participation.

To be eligible for participation, the virtual student would be required to be resident of the district, be enrolled and attending a virtual school, comply with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262 relating to student vaccinations, meet the general age and eligibility requirements set forth by KSHSAA that are not in conflict with this section, and pay any required activity fees that are imposed upon other students for participation in such activity. The board of education of a school district may require a student to enroll in the school district to take a course if such course is generally required for student participation in the activity.

Currently, the KSHSAA’s policy on eligibility for students attending a virtual school requires such students to take a minimum of one credit hour in the student’s resident school district to participate in activities with the resident school district.¹

If enacted, the bill would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon its publication in the statute book.

¹ <https://www.kshsaa.org/public/general/virtualstudents.cfm>