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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 9, 2023  
Subject: HB 2236—Parental Right to Direct Education, Upbringing and Moral or Religious Training of Children

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House Bill 2236 would codify the right of parents to direct the education, upbringing, and moral or religious training of their children. The bill would provide that such right may be freely exercised by parents of children enrolled in a school district and directs local boards of education to adopt policies and procedures to guarantee such exercise.

HB 2236 would also allow parents of students enrolled in a school district to object to educational materials or activities that are not included in the approved district curriculum or state educational standards or that the parent believes are harmful to the child or impair the parent’s sincerely held beliefs, values or principles. Any such parent may withdraw their child from the class or educational program in which the material or activity is provided. Such withdrawal could not have an adverse effect on the child’s academic record.

HB 2236 would also provide definitions for relevant terms used in the bill. The term “materials” would be defined to include curriculum, books and other reading materials, videos or other digital materials, websites or other online information and any other materials provided to students for instruction. Additionally, the bill would define “activities” to include all presentations, lectures, assemblies and other events facilitated by the school, but does not include student presentations.

The bill would take effect on July 1 upon publication in the statute book.