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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 20, 2024
Subject: HB 2613—Statewide Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)
Educator

House Bill 2613 as amended by House Committee of the Whole would create the statewide drug abuse resistance education (D.A.R.E.) program educator position.

HB 2613 would amend K.S.A. 75-721 to require the attorney general to appoint a statewide D.A.R.E. educator. Currently, the attorney general has the responsibility of appointing 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 bill would require the D.A.R.E. educator to: (1) Provide direct instruction to public school students using the D.A.R.E. curriculum; and (2) perform other services and provide material and information as required to support the D.A.R.E. program in Kansas.

HB 2613 would also establish the drug abuse resistance education fund in the office of the attorney general for the purposes of supporting the D.A.R.E. program in Kansas.

HB 2613 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.