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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Estes

Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 3, 2025

Subject: HB 2103 – Including participation in certain learning experiences and

agricultural activities as a valid excuse for absence from school and

authorizing school boards to make rules therefor.

House Bill No. 2103 (HB 2103) would amend K.S.A. 72-3121, which generally provides the statutory school attendance requirements and governs excused absences from school. Current law requires each board of education to adopt rules for determining valid excuses for school absences. HB 2103 would require that such rules also provide for absences due participation in learning experiences. If such participation is approved in advance by the designated district employee, then such absence will be excused. The bill defines "learning experience" to include, but is not limited to, agricultural science activities, scheduled Future Farmers of America (FFA) events and 4-H programs that are part of organized competitions or events.

If enacted, HB 2103 would become effective on July 1, 2025.