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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Estes
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 5, 2025

Subject: SB 44 – Expansion of eligible institutions under the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program.

Senate Bill No. 44 (SB 44) amends two statutes in the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act to expand the postsecondary educational institutions eligible to participate in the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program. The Kansas Promise Scholarship provides a last dollar scholarship to eligible students who are enrolled in specific high wage, high demand or critical need industry programs at eligible postsecondary educational institutions.¹ Under current law, eligible postsecondary educational institutions include community colleges and technical colleges established under the laws of this state and certain private institutions that offer promise eligible programs.

SB 44 would amend K.S.A. 74-32,271 to add any postsecondary educational institution that has its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, offers a promise eligible program, is accredited, is recognized by the state board of regents and is eligible to receive title IV funding. Additionally, the bill would make a conforming amendment to K.S.A. 74-32,274, the scholarship amount statute, to include a reference to such institutions.

The Senate amended SB 44 on the floor to increase the annual appropriation limit for the Program from \$10 million to \$15 million.

SB 44 passed the Senate and on a final vote of 37-3.

If enacted, SB 44 would become effective on July 1, 2025.

¹ Statutory programs include: Information technology and security, mental and physical healthcare, advanced manufacturing and building trades and early childhood education and development. Optional institutional programs may include: Agriculture, food and natural resources, education and training, law, public safety, corrections and security and distribution and logistics.