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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 114 – Participation by nonpublic students in ancillary events to KSHSAA activities.

Senate Bill No. 114 (SB 114) amends K.S.A. 72-7121 to authorize nonpublic and virtual school students to participate in ancillary public school activities and make it unlawful for the Kansas state high school activities association and school districts to discriminate against such students based on enrollment status. Currently, K.S.A. 72-7121 allows students who are enrolled in either a virtual school or nonpublic elementary or secondary school to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas state high school activities association (KSHSAA) and offered by the school district where the student resides.

SB 114 authorizes such students to also participate in ancillary activities, events, and programs associated with any of the KSHSAA-regulated activities in which the student participates. This would include pep rallies, award ceremonies, yearbook pictures, or other events honoring activity participants.

Additionally, the bill explicitly states that students who participate in activities under this law are entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating students regardless of the student's enrollment status. SB 114 also makes it unlawful for any school district or KSHSAA to discriminate against a student based on the student's enrollment status.

The Senate Committee on Education amended SB 114 to add new language authorizing students enrolled in and attending the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science (KAMS) to participate in KSHSAA-regulated activities.

SB 114 passed the Senate and on a final vote of 32-8.

If enacted, SB 114 would become effective on July 1, 2025.

