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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Estes
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 29, 2026

Subject: HB 2485 – Authorizing the chief executive officer of the State Board of Regents to negotiate and settlement scholarship repayment obligations.

House Bill No. 2485 (HB 2485) would amend K.S.A. 74-32,313 to authorize the chief executive officer of the State Board of Regents (KBOR) to negotiate and settle scholarship repayment obligations. In the 2025 legislative session, the Legislature enacted this statute to grant the KBOR authority to recover the costs of collection actions when seeking repayment of scholarship awards. This provision covers those scholarship programs that require the scholarship recipient to sign an agreement to fulfill postgraduate requirements as a condition of receiving the scholarship. Failure to fulfill those obligations results in the repayment of the scholarship award.

HB 2485 expands on the authority granted to the KBOR last session by also authorizing the chief executive officer of KBOR to negotiate and settle repayment obligations.

The bill also renders any person who is subject to a repayment obligation ineligible to receive any additional funds under any of the other scholarship programs.

If enacted, HB 2485 would become effective on July 1, 2026.