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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 2487 – Defining “teacher” and “paraprofessional” for purposes of the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program.

House Bill No. 2487 (HB 2487) would amend K.S.A. 74-3284 to add a definition for the phrase “employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional” to the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program. To be eligible for a scholarship under the program a person must be a Kansas resident, be accept to or enrolled in an educational program at an accredited postsecondary educational institution, have established financial need, and either be a first generation student or have a parent who is employed as a teacher or paraprofessional in Kansas for grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

HB 2487 would further define the last element of eligibility relating to the applicant’s parent’s occupation. Under the bill a person qualifies as employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional if:

- Such person is employed by a school district or nonpublic school; and
- Their primary employment duties are to provide classroom instruction or instructional support to students in any of the grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

The bill also provides that a person is not considered as employed as a teacher or paraprofessional in Kansas unless the administrator for the school where the person is employed certifies their employment to the State Board of Regents.

If enacted, HB 2487 would become effective on July 1, 2026.