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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Estes
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 12, 2026

Subject: HB 2717 – Lowering the age for compulsory school attendance.

House Bill No. 2717 (HB 2717) would amend K.S.A. 72-3120 to lower the age for compulsory school attendance from seven to six years of age. Currently, if a child is aged seven on or before August 31st then the child must be enrolled in and regularly attending school. HB 2717 would lower the threshold and require any child who is six on or before August 31st to be enrolled in and regularly attending school.

HB 2717 also adds new subsection (i) to the statute to provide a one-year religious exemption to the compulsory attendance requirement. If the parent of the child is a member of a recognized church or religious denomination that objects to the compulsory attendance requirement, such parent may exempt the child from compulsory attendance until age seven.

If enacted, HB 2717 would become effective on July 1, 2026.