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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
 Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 10, 2025

Subject: HB 2282 – Providing that covenants, conditions, or restrictions established between January 1, 1948, and December 31, 1958, that restrict the use of real property owned by state educational institutions for only single-family residence purposes and contain discriminatory provisions to restrict ownership or tenancy by race are against public policy and therefore void.

House Bill No. 2282 (HB 2282) creates new law declaring certain restrictive covenants in land conveyances to be void and unenforceable. The law only applies to certain covenants restricting the use of property owned by a state educational institution. The applicable covenants are those that restrict the use of the property for some purpose other than single family residency or restrict ownership or tenancy on the basis of race. Any such provisions are declared to be against public policy and are void and unenforceable. HB 2282 makes special note of such covenants that are contained in conveying documents dated between January 1, 1948, and December 31, 1958.

Senate Bill No. 194 (SB 194) was introduced as identical legislation. SB 194 was amended by the Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics to make the new law only applicable to conveyances executed during the specified date range. The Committee also amended the bill to be effective on publication in the Kansas Register. SB 194 passed the Senate on a final action vote of 40-0.

If enacted, HB 2282 would become effective on July 1, 2025.