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MEMORANDUM

To:	Senate Committee on Education
From:	Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date:	February 4, 2025
Subject:	SB 44 — Promise Scholarship Program Eligible Institutions

Senate Bill 44 would expand the postsecondary educational institutions eligible to participate in the Kansas promise scholarship program.

The Kansas Promise Scholarship provides a last dollar scholarship to eligible students who are enrolled in specific high wage, high demand or critical need industry programs at eligible postsecondary educational institutions.¹ Under current law, eligible postsecondary educational institutions include community colleges and technical colleges established under the laws of this state and certain private institutions that offer promise eligible programs. SB 44 would amend K.S.A. 74-32,271 to add any postsecondary educational institution that has its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, offers a promise eligible program, is accredited, is recognized by the state board of regents and is eligible to receive title IV funding. Additionally, the bill would make a conforming amendment to K.S.A. 74-32,274, the scholarship amount statute, to include a reference to such institutions.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2025, upon publication in the statute book.

¹ Statutory programs include: Information technology and security, mental and physical healthcare, advanced manufacturing and building trades and early childhood education and development. Optional institutional programs may include: Agriculture, food and natural resources, education and training, law, public safety, corrections and security and distribution and logistics.