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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 7, 2025
Subject: SB 48—School District Accreditation

Senate Bill 48 would require school districts to demonstrate improvement in academic performance and be in compliance with all federal and state statutes and rules and regulations to achieve or maintain accreditation.

SB 48 would amend K.S.A. 72-5170 to require the state board of education (state board) to design and adopt a school district accreditation system that requires conclusive, measurable evidence of improvement in student academic performance. Annually, beginning July 1, 2026, school districts would be required to demonstrate material improvement in student academic performance from the preceding school year, evidenced by a decrease in the number of students scoring at level 1 and an increase in the number of students scoring above level 2 on state assessments. Additionally, the state board would be required to set performance improvement targets. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee would be required to appear before the senate and house education committees if the school district is not accredited for failure to demonstrate improvement in student academic performance.

SB 48 would also require school districts and schools operated by such districts to be in compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes and rules and regulations. Any school district or school not in compliance would be notified by the state board. The notification would identify the nature and extent of the noncompliance and provide a deadline to correct the noncompliance. Failure to correct the noncompliance would result in loss of accreditation. The state board would establish a due process procedure for challenges to a determination of compliance.

Additionally, SB 48 would require that whenever the state board determines that a school district has failed to meet accreditation requirements, the board of education of such school district would have to address the deficiencies identified by the state board, including if applicable, the reallocation of district resources to remedy such deficiencies.

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