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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 12, 2025
Subject: SB 45—Virtual School Graduation Rate Alternative Calculation

Senate Bill 45 would amend the virtual school act to exclude students who transfer to homeschools or nonaccredited private schools from the alternative calculation of graduation rates for virtual schools.

Current law allows an alternative calculation of graduation rates for accreditation purposes that includes only those students enrolled in a virtual school who earned sufficient credits to graduate in the same cohort at the time the student first enrolled in the virtual school.

SB 45 would amend K.S.A. 72-3713, regarding such alternative calculation of graduation rates, to exclude those students who were enrolled in a virtual school but transferred to homeschooling or a nonaccredited private school in Kansas or another state from the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for virtual schools. This change would apply to the graduation rate calculation at the state level for accreditation purposes.

SB 45 would take effect on July 1, 2025, upon publication in the statute book.