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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 12, 2025
Subject: SB 114—Participation in Ancillary School Activities

Senate Bill 114 would authorize nonpublic and virtual school students to participate in ancillary public school activities and make it unlawful for the Kansas state high school activities association and school districts to discriminate against such students based on enrollment status.

Currently, K.S.A. 72-7121 allows students who are enrolled in either a virtual school or nonpublic elementary or secondary school to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas state high school activities association (KSHSAA) and offered by the school district where the student resides.

SB 114 would authorize such students to participate in ancillary activities, events and programs associated with any of the KSHSAA-regulated activities the student participates in. This would include pep rallies, award ceremonies, yearbook or other events honoring activity participants.

Additionally, the bill would explicitly state that students who participate in activities under this law are entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating students regardless of the student's enrollment status.

SB 114 would also make it unlawful for any school district or KSHSAA to discriminate against a student based on the student's enrollment status.

SB 114 would take effect on July 1, 2025, upon publication in the statute book.