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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 11, 2025

Subject: HB 2033—Approving Certain At-Risk Education Programs

House Bill 2033 would include programs and services provided by nonprofit organizations accredited by the international multisensory structured language education council as approved atrisk educational programs.

Currently, K.S.A. 72-5153 establishes the at-risk education fund in each school district and provides that expenditures from such fund may be made for at-risk and provisional at-risk educational programs, personnel providing services through such programs, support for such personnel to be trained to provide such programs and contracted services to provide such services. Additionally, the statute requires the state board of education to identify and approve at-risk educational programs that provide best practices and evidence-based instruction to students who are identified as eligible to receive at-risk programs and services that are above and beyond that of a regular education. The Board is to publish and maintain a list of such at-risk programs. School districts are prohibited from expending moneys from their at-risk education funds upon any program that is not on such list, unless the expenditure is on a provisional at-risk educational program and authorized by the Board. The statute provides that certain programs and services are required to be on the approved list, including those provided by state-based national nonprofit organizations that:

- Focus on students who are identified as students eligible to receive at-risk program services or who face other identifiable barriers to success;
- Provide evidence-based instruction and support services to such students inside and outside the school setting; and



 Evaluate outcomes data for students, including, but not limited to, school attendance, academic progress, graduation rates, pursuit of postsecondary education or career advancement.

HB 2033 would amend K.S.A. 72-5153 to include programs and services provided by a nonprofit organization that is accredited by the international multisensory structured language education council.

HB 2033 would take effect on July 1, 2025, upon publication in the statute book.