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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 11, 2026  
Subject: SB 384—Public Innovative Districts

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Senate Bill 384 would extend the application deadline for authorization to operate as a public innovative district from December 1 to May 1 and deem applications approved if not approved or denied within 30 days of submission.

Current law codifies the coalition of innovative districts act at K.S.A. 72-4221 through 72-4230 and provides that school districts may apply for authority to operate as a public innovative district. Any such application is required to be submitted to the state board of education not later than December 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which the school district intends to operate as a public innovative district. Within 90 days from the date the application is submitted, the state board is required to review the application to determine compliance with the requirements of the act and approve or deny such application within the 90-day period.

Section 1 of SB 384 would amend K.S.A. 72-4223 to move the deadline for applications to be submitted to the state board to operate as a public innovative district from December 1 to May 1. Additionally, section 1 would reduce the state board's application review period from 90 days to 30 days.

Currently, the coalition of innovative districts act also requires approval from the coalition board to operate as a public innovative district.<sup>1</sup> The coalition board is required to meet within 30 days of a request for approval for the purpose of approving or denying such request.

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<sup>1</sup> The board is formed when two public innovative districts have been approved by the state board of education and the governor, the chairpersons of the senate committee on education and house of representatives committee on education. K.S.A. 72-4224 establishes the coalition of innovative districts.

Section 2 of SB 384 would amend K.S.A. 72-4225 to provide that if the coalition board does not approve or deny a request for approval within 30 days, the request would be deemed approved.

SB 384 also makes technical amendments to existing law and would take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.