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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Subject: SB 86, as introduced

Senate Bill No. 86 requires the secretary of transportation to establish, implement and administer an intercity passenger rail service program to develop and provide funding in order to connect Kansas by rail to other member states of the midwest interstate passenger rail commission, the midwest regional rail system, the national passenger rail network and any other passenger rail service operations serving Kansas. The secretary shall provide funding for the costs of qualifying projects and provide operating support for Amtrak or any common rail carrier approved by the federal railroad administration for operation of the service.

The bill also provides that on July 1, 2026, and each July 1 through July 1, 2029, the secretary, in consultation with the director of the budget, shall determine the amount of unencumbered moneys in the state general fund, state highway fund or any special revenue funds of the department of transportation that may be used for the intercity passenger rail service program. The secretary shall certify the amount from each such fund to transfer an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 each fiscal year to the passenger rail service revolving fund.