

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2482

As Amended by House Committee on K-12
Education Budget

Brief*

HB 2482, as amended, would change specific statutory references to exams provided by ACT to examinations provided by a nationally recognized college entrance exam or preparatory exam.

The bill would also change statutory references to examinations that the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) must provide to students to the following:

- A nationally recognized college entrance exam that separately assesses math, reading, English, and science;
- A pre-college entrance exam that is aligned with the nationally recognized college entrance exam offered; and
- A career readiness assessment or a series of career readiness assessments that lead to a nationally recognized credential that is rated.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2027.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget at the request of Representative Goetz.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the College Board. The proponent generally stated that the bill removes vendor-specific language and replaces it with neutral terminology which would allow for more flexibility, a competitive procurement process, aligns better with federal policy, and promotes fiscal responsibility.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Aligned and Classic Learning Test.

Neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). The conferees asked the Committee to amend the bill to not go into effect until the 2027-2028 school year to allow time for a request for proposal (RFP) to be completed and to add language about the state learning standards.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas National Education Association.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the ACT. The opponent generally discussed how this language is not neutral terminology, as it changes the policy about Kansas standards for career readiness. The opponent also discussed that the bill would de-emphasize STEM, as some college entrance exams do not directly assess science.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by two private citizens, one of whom identified themselves as a USD 375 School Board member.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Be enacted on July 1, 2027;

- Remove language about a single exam that measures both college and career readiness;
- Add a requirement that the nationally recognized credential be a rated national credential; and
- Add a requirement that the college entrance exam separately assess reading, math, English, and science.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KSDE indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal impact, as a RFP would need to be issued. The resulting contract could have a different price than that of the current provider, which is currently \$2.5 million SGF.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Education; ACT; WorkKeys; college entrance exam; career readiness exam