

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2487

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2487 would amend the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program Act (Act) to add a definition of the phrase “employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional.”

Under the Act, an individual is eligible for a scholarship if such individual is a resident of Kansas, has been accepted for admission or is enrolled full time in an educational program at an eligible institution, has established financial need, and is a first-generation student or has a parent who is employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional for any of the grades pre-K through 12. The bill would define the phrase “employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional” to mean an individual:

- Who is an employee of a unified school district or the governing authority of any nonpublic school located in Kansas; and
- Whose primary employment duties are providing classroom instruction or instructional support to students in any of the grades pre-K through 12.

The bill would require an administrator for the school at which an individual is employed to certify to the State Board of Regents (KBOR), in the form and manner prescribed by KBOR, that such individual satisfies these requirements.

*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/>

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Education at the request of a representative of KBOR.

House Committee on Education

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KBOR, who stated the bill would provide clarity on who is eligible for a scholarship under the Act.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Independent College Association and Kansas National Education Association.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KBOR indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations and the postsecondary education system. KBOR states any additional administrative duties would be handled within existing resources.

The Kansas State Department of Education states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations or on school districts.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on school districts.

Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program Act; teacher; paraprofessional; scholarships