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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Huebert  
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 16, 2020

Subject: SB 384 – Requiring the Kansas foster care children annual academic report card.

Senate Bill No. 384 (SB 384) would create new law requiring the Kansas State Department of Education and the Department for Children and Families to collaborate to publish the Kansas Foster Care Children Annual Academic Report Card (Report Card). The Report Card would be submitted to the standing committees on education in both the Senate and the House of Representatives in January of each year.

The Report Card would contain the following information for the immediately preceding school year:

1. Graduation rate for foster care students.
2. Number and percentage of foster care students promoted to the next grade level.
3. Number and percentage of foster care students suspended during the school year.
4. Number and percentage of foster care students expelled during the school year.
5. State assessment scores for foster care students, including the number and percentage who met academic standards.
6. Number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in any preschool at-risk program, pilot program, or early childhood special education program.
7. Total number of foster care students enrolled in a school district or private school, and the disaggregated number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in school districts and accredited private schools.
8. De-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for the information provided under items 1-7 above.

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For purposes of this act, the term "foster care student" means an individual who was in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families at any time when such individual attended school during a school year subject to the Report Card requirements of this act.

SB 384 passed in the Senate on final action by a vote of 39-0. If enacted, SB 384 would become effective on July 1, 2020.