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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on K-12 Education Budget  
From: Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 16, 2021  
Subject: Senate Bill 63—ACT expanded to nonpublic school students

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Currently, K.S.A. 72-5179 requires the state board of education to provide the ACT college entrance exam and three ACT workkeys assessments that are required to earn a national career readiness certificate to each student enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and the pre-ACT college entrance exam to students enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The state board of education has a contract with ACT to provide the exam and assessments at no cost to students. Currently, the provision of the exam and assessments only applies to students who are enrolled in public school.<sup>1</sup>

SB 63 would define "student" to mean "any person who is regularly enrolled in any public school, accredited nonpublic school or nonaccredited private secondary school located in Kansas." This change would require the state board of education to provide the ACT college entrance exam, ACT workkeys assessments and the pre-ACT college entrance exam to students enrolled in a public school, accredited nonpublic school or homeschool registered with the Kansas department of education.

SB 63 would also require the Kansas department of education and each school district to annually publish on their websites the times, dates and locations of the exams and assessments that are offered in Kansas and information on how to register for such exams or assessments.

Additionally, the bill would require the department to prepare and submit a report to the senate and house committees on education that includes the aggregate exam and assessment data for all students who were provided the exams and assessments.

SB 63 would take effect upon publication in the statute book.

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<sup>1</sup> See K.S.A. 72-5132(hh)(1).