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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 3, 2021  
Subject: SB 51—Kansas Foster care children annual academic report card

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Senate Bill 51 would create a new law requiring the Kansas state department of education and the department for children and families collaborate to prepare and publish a Kansas foster care children annual academic report card. The report card would be submitted to the House and Senate education committees in January of each year. The report card would include the following information for the 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 who were suspended and the suspension length;
4. Number and percentage of foster care students who were expelled;
5. State standardized 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. Number and percentage of foster care students who participated in the mental health intervention team pilot program or similar mental health program;
8. Total number of foster care students enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in school districts and accredited private schools;
9. De-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for the information provided under items 1-8 above; and

10. Any additional elements deemed appropriate by both the department of education and the department for children and families.

SB 51 would define the term "foster care student" to mean an individual who was in the custody of the department for children and families at any time when such student attended a school during the school year subject to the report card requirements of this act. The bill would also define "school" to mean any school or a school district or any nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education.

SB 51 would take effect on July 1, 2021, upon its publication in the statute book.