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**MEMORANDUM**

To:           Chairperson Thomas  
              Members of the House Committee on Education

From:        The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date:         February 7, 2023

Subject:     HB 2132 – Expanding the scope of eligible programs under the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program.

House Bill No. 2132 (HB 2132) would amend the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program (Program) to expand the scope of eligible programs for which students can receive a Kansas Promise Scholarship. Enacted in 2021, the Program offers scholarships for students to obtain a two-year associate degree or a career technical education certificate in a job or field that are high wage, in high demand, or of critical need in a community as determined by the State Board of Regents (KBOR). Scholarships are provided to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and materials after accounting for all other forms of financial aid awarded to the student. Each scholarship is limited to a total of 68 credit hours or \$20,000, whichever occurs first, during the student’s academic career under the Program.

Current law required the KBOR to identify eligible promise programs of study any field of study designated by an eligible postsecondary institution and in the areas of information technology and security, mental and physical healthcare, advanced manufacturing and building trades, and early childhood education and development. HB 2132 expands the list to also include fields of study in elementary and secondary education.

To designate an eligible field of study a postsecondary institution must offer the field of study and it must fall within one of the following: agriculture; food and natural resources; education and training; law, public safety, corrections, and security; or distribution and logistics. HB 2132 also expands this list to include transportation along with distribution and logistics.

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The final amendment in HB 2132 simply clarifies that amount of the scholarship which is calculated differently for students attending a public two-year college compared to those attending a private independent college.

If enacted, HB 2132 would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register.