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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 20, 2023

Subject: HB 2223 – Removing the expiration on the high-density at-risk student weighting.

House Bill No. 2223 (HB 2223) would amend K.S.A. 72-5151 to remove the expiration date on the high-density at-risk student weighting. Enacted in 2017 as part of the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act, K.S.A. 72-5151 provides both an at-risk student weighting and a high-density at-risk student weighting. The high-density at-risk student weighting is based on a school district or a school operated by a district having an at-risk student enrollment of at least 35%. If the at-risk student enrollment is between 35% and 50% of the total enrollment, then the weighting is calculated based on 70% of difference between the total percentage of at-risk student enrollment and 35%. If the at-risk student enrollment is greater than 50%, then the weighting is calculated based on 10.5% of the total percentage of at-risk student enrollment. The weighting is determined based on the larger of the overall district weighting or the weighting based on the schools in the district that qualify for the weighting.

K.S.A. 72-5151 was enacted with a two-year sunset on the high-density at-risk student weighting. In 2018, that date was extended to July 1, 2020. The sunset date was extended again in 2021 to July 1, 2024. HB 2223 would remove the sunset on this provision altogether.

If enacted, HB 2223 would become effective on July 1, 2023.