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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2024

Subject: HB 2539 – Residency requirements under the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act.

House Bill No. 2539 (HB 2539) would amend the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act (Act) to remove the residency requirements and redefine “part-time” student. Under the Act, to be eligible a person must be a Kansas resident for three or more years prior to applying for a scholarship. HB 2539 strikes these requirements and would allow individuals residing in other states to apply for and receive scholarships under the Act. The Act also requires that a scholarship recipient work for two years in the State of Kansas after graduation. This requirement is not changed by HB 2539. A scholarship recipient would still have to maintain employment in Kansas for two years following graduation or be obligated to repay the financial assistance they received plus interest.

HB 2539 also redefines “part-time” student. As part of the scholarship agreement, a student must agree to enroll as a full-time or part-time student. Under current law, a part-time student must enroll in at least six hours. Under the bill, a student could be considered “part-time” if they enroll in a five-credit hour certification program.

If enacted, HB 2539 would become effective on July 1, 2024.