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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2024

Subject: **SB 481 - Concerning Kansas state university, renaming Kansas state university polytechnic campus as Kansas state university – Salina, requirements for admission and credential and degree programs**

Senate Bill No. 481 renames the Kansas state university polytechnic campus as Kansas state university – Salina in the statutes and provides that whenever Kansas state university polytechnic campus, or word of like effect, is referred to or designated by any statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to Kansas state university – Salina.

Commencing with fiscal year 2025, Kansas state university – Salina shall be considered a separate line item and state general fund account in budget documents and bills concerning Kansas state university.

The bill also provides an exception to the general admission requirements for students at state educational institutions for the following persons admitted into Kansas state university – Salina:

1. Persons admitted as degree-seeking students in career technical education courses or programs terminating with an associate of applied studies degree; and
2. Persons admitted as nondegree-seeking students in career technical education certificate programs.

Persons admitted seeking a non-technical certificate, non-technical associate degree or any bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree shall be subject to the admission requirements set forth in K.S.A. 76-717. The bill provides that programs of technical education include, but are not limited to, programs that advance the aerospace, technology and advanced manufacturing industries of the state.

The bill also amends language allowing Kansas state university to purchase insurance for operation and testing of completed project aircraft used in education, training and research. Under current law such insurance is only for operation of aircraft used in professional pilot training.