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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 14, 2024
Subject: **SB 529 - Creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act to authorize the establishment of the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district in Douglas county.**

Senate Bill No. 529 enacts seven new sections of law known as the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act.

Section 1 provides the name and citation of the act.

Section 2 defines "board" and "district" for purposes of the act.

Section 3 authorizes the board of county commissioners of Douglas county to submit the question of the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district to the voters of the county at the next primary election or general election or at a special election. If the question establishing the district is approved, the existing board of directors of the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center shall be dissolved. The board of county commissioners shall establish a seven-member board and the criteria and term of office for such members of the first board. Once appointed, the district board shall select board officers and the method of selection and the term of office for future board members.

Section 4 provides that all contracts previously entered into by the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center shall be binding on the district and all outstanding bonds, debts and other obligations of the center shall become an obligation of the district.

Section 5 requires the board to meet and elect officers each year and fix the date and place of the board's regular meetings. This section also allows special meetings to take place and authorizes the board to adopt bylaws. The treasurer of the board shall file a bond with the Douglas county clerk.

Section 6 establishes the powers, duties and responsibilities of the district.

Section 7 requires the district board to prepare and publish an annual budget and authorizes the board to levy a tax of not to exceed 0.5 mills on all taxable tangible property in the district. The tax levy shall not be considered a tax levy of Douglas county or the city of Lawrence.