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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 14, 2024
Subject: SB 437—Kansas Education Enrichment Program

Senate Bill 437 would establish the Kansas education enrichment program (KEEP) in statute to provide awards to certain students for qualifying expenses.

KEEP would provide educational awards of \$1,000 for residents of Kansas who are eligible to enroll in and attend public school in this state. The award could be used for certain qualifying expenses, including:

- Tutoring;
- extended school day educational programs;
- academic and arts-related camps;
- assessments;
- school or activity uniforms;
- educational, learning or study skills services; and
- any other services offered by school districts or other education providers.

Award recipients would be eligible for up to two KEEP awards of \$1,000 each. The first award would be made when the student is eligible to enroll in any of the grades one through eight and the second award would be made when the student is eligible to enroll in any of the grades nine through 12. No student would be allowed to receive more than \$2,000 in total awards from the program.

KEEP would be implemented and administered by the state treasurer, who would determine and certify the amount of awards necessary for the next succeeding school year to the director of

accounts and reports. The treasurer would also administer the Kansas education enrichment program fund that would be established by the bill.

Awards may be administered and distributed by a third-party vendor through a digital account created for each student receiving an award under the program.

Additionally, the bill includes an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to the program for fiscal year 2025.

SB 437 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.