

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **K-12 Education Budget** recommends **HB 2521** be amended as recommended by the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget as reported in the Journal of the House on February 21, 2024, and the bill, as printed As Amended by House Committee, be further amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 16, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 19, after "higher" by inserting "in any field of study"; in line 22, after "program" by inserting "and a passing score on a subject area examination approved by the state board of education or a praxis test"; in line 23, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 24, by striking "and"; in line 25, after "requirements" by inserting "; and

(5) comply with any other requirements established by the state board of education that are comparable to other licensing requirements established by the state board";

Also on page 1, in line 26, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted";

On page 2, in line 7, by striking all after the stricken material; by striking all in lines 8 through 19; in line 20, by striking "(3)"; in line 21, by striking "an initial" and inserting "a restricted"; in line 24, after the period by inserting "As part of such school district-based teacher mentorship program, the school district board of education shall submit a progress report each year to the state board of education, on a form and in the manner required by the state board, to verify that the individual has made appropriate progress toward full licensure.

(2) If appropriate progress has been made toward full licensure at the end of the two-year mentorship, an individual who holds a restricted teaching license pursuant to this section shall be

authorized to apply for and may obtain a full Kansas teaching license. Such individual shall be treated in the same manner as an individual who completes a traditional teacher preparation program.

(3) If appropriate progress is not made toward full licensure, the state board may cancel the restricted license."; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____ Chairperson