

STATE OF KANSAS

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SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend **SB 387**, As Amended by Senate Committee, on page 2, following line 20, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. (a) The legislative post audit committee shall direct the legislative division of post audit to conduct a study on alternative methods to determine at-risk education funding and allocation of such funding under the Kansas school equity and enhancement act, K.S.A. 72-5131 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) As part of such study, the legislative division of post audit shall:

(1) Evaluate the accuracy and reliability of the current free lunch count as a proxy for determining the amount of at-risk education funding;

(2) review methods used by other states to identify and allocate funding for at-risk student populations, including, but not limited to, the use of direct certification data, census poverty data, academic performance indicators and other evidence-based measures;

(3) analyze the administrative costs and feasibility of implementing alternative metrics within the existing data systems of the state department of education and school districts;

(4) assess whether the definition of at-risk student in K.S.A. 72-5132, and amendments thereto, accurately reflects current at-risk funding calculations and uses; and

(5) make recommendations for legislative action, including any proposed statutory changes to the at-risk student weighting calculation and at-risk student identification methodology.

(c) On or before December 1, 2026, the legislative division of post audit shall submit a

report of such study and recommendations to the legislative committee on post audit and, as soon as practicable thereafter, to the senate committee on education, the senate committee on government efficiency, the house of representatives committee on education and the house of representatives committee on appropriations.

(d) The state department of education and all school districts shall cooperate with the legislative division of post audit in the conduct of such study and provide such data and information as the division may request.

(e) Nothing in this section shall delay the implementation of any other provision of this act.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 7, after "law" by inserting "; requiring the legislative division of post audit to conduct a study on at-risk education funding and alternative methods for such funding"

Senator \_\_\_\_\_