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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Masterson
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

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Subject: SB 300 – Amendments concerning education.

Senate Bill No. 300 makes amendments to various statutes that were amended by House Substitute for SB 7, which became effective on April 2, 2015.

First, the bill amends K.S.A. 72-1046b concerning the enrollment of students who reside outside of a school district's boundaries. Currently, K.S.A. 72-1046b authorizes the board of education of a school district to allow a nonresident student to attend a school in the district. A "nonresident" student is one who resides outside of school district, lives at least 2.5 miles from the school they would attend in their resident school district, and does not live in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte County. Under SB 300, if the school district allowed a nonresident student to enroll in and attend school in the school district in school year 2014-2015, then the school district is required to allow that student to enroll in and attend school in the district again in school years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

Second, SB 300 amends K.S.A. 72-3715 with respect to virtual school students. Under the amendment, new subsection (f) to K.S.A. 72-3715 would prohibit virtual school students who reside outside of Kansas from being counted for full-time equivalent enrollment purposes. The amendment also requires each virtual school to record the permanent address of virtual school students who do not reside in Kansas.

Third, SB 300 amends K.S.A. 72-6434 and 72-8814 with respect to school districts that incurred a significant drop in total assessed valuation between school year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Both statutes were amended in SB 7 to allow such school districts to use the assessed valuation of the district for school year 2015-2016 for purposes of determining the amounts of

supplemental general state aid and capital outlay state aid for school year 2014-2015. SB 300 clarifies these amendments with respect to the cause of the drop in total assessed valuation.

Finally, SB 300 amends K.S.A. 75-2319 to clarify references to general obligation bonds approved prior to July 1, 2015, and those approved between July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2017. The reference is amended from “contractual bond obligations incurred by the school district” to “general obligation bonds approved for issuance at an election held.”

If enacted the Act would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register, however, the amendments to K.S.A. 72-1046b, 72-3715, and 75-2319 would not go into effect until July 1, 2015.