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TO: House Education Committee

FROM: State Board of Education

SUBJECT: 2017 House Bill 2212

House Bill 2212 continues the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority which has been in existence since 2007. The Authority serves a very useful purpose in coordinating statewide planning for postsecondary technical education, new postsecondary technical education programs and contract training

In addition, they play an important part in coordinating the development of a seamless system for the delivery of technical education between the secondary-school level and the postsecondary-school level. This is a critical component to student success and preparing students for work and life.

The Authority assists with numerous other responsibilities within the law such as requesting state funding, developing benchmarks and accountability indicators of programs, conducting continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization of resources available, conducting studies to develop strategies and programs for meeting the needs of business and industry, etc.

The costs to support the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority are very low when considering how valuable its work is to the technical education program in Kansas.

We recommend that House Bill 2212 be approved.