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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 9, 2022
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2596

HB 2596 authorizes the board of education of a school district to contract with transportation network companies (TNCs) to provide certain transportation services.

K.S.A. 8-2701 et seq., is the Kansas transportation network company services act. This act outlines procedures and requirements for TNCs to operate in the state. There are various requirements for TNCs in the act relating to mandatory insurance coverage, TNC driver applications and qualifications and how to display and convey certain information to TNC riders.

HB 2596 would authorize the board of education of a school district to contract with TNCs for transportation services of eight passengers or fewer to and from school and school-related activities. The Kansas TNC act will be applicable to these types of transactions, and the contract between the school district and TNC may establish additional requirements beyond the Kansas TNC act. The TNC shall also require TNC drivers who perform transportation services for school districts to undergo a criminal history record check pursuant to K.S.A. 75-712i. Additionally, the bill states that the TNC act and contract shall exclusively govern these transactions and state board of education rules and regulations will not apply.