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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 27, 2022
Subject: SB 215—Driver's Education Programs and Driver Training School Authority Transferred to Department of Revenue

Senate Bill 215 would transfer the state board of education's authority for driver training schools and the state board of regents' authority for postsecondary driver education programs to the department of revenue. Additionally, the bill would establish the commercial driver education fund to be administered by the department of revenue.

State Board of Education and Driver Training Schools

Currently, in the drivers' training school license act, driver training schools are licensed by the state board of education and the state board has authority to promulgate rules and regulations relating to driver training schools.

SB 215 would transfer the authority for the driver training schools from the state board of education to the department of revenue. Additionally, the authority of the state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations for driver training schools and instructors would also transfer to the department of revenue. Any rules and regulations or orders of the state board pertaining to functions of driver training schools in effect on July 1, 2021 would continue to be effective until amended, revised or nullified by the director of vehicles.

State Board of Regents and Driver Education Programs

Currently, the state board of regents has authority over postsecondary driver education programs, including motorcycle safety courses and truck driver training courses.

SB 215 would amend K.S.A. 8-272 to transfer that authority to the department of revenue. Additionally, the authority of the state board of regents to promulgate rules and regulations for motorcycle safety courses would also transfer to the department of revenue. SB 215 would also

require courses in truck driver training for an interstate commercial class license to comply with the Kansas uniform commercial drivers' license act.

Commercial Driver Education Fund

Currently, all moneys received under the act is credited to the state safety fund. SB 215 would credit such moneys to the commercial driver education fund that would be established by the bill and administered by the department of revenue.

Effective Date

SB 215 would take effect upon publication in the statute book.