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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 15, 2023

Subject: HB 2224 – Increasing the required amount of time in a school term.

House Bill No. 2224 (HB 2224) would amend K.S.A. 72-3115, which governs the minimum amount of time for each school term. Under current law, a school term must be at least 186 days or 1,116 hours for grades 1 through 11, and 181 days or 1,086 hours for grade 12. For kindergarten the school term must be at least 186 days or 465 hours as state law allows for half-day kindergarten. This equates to 6 hours per school day for grades 1 through 12.

HB 2224 would increase the total school hours in a term to 1,560. School districts would have the option of meeting this requirement by either offering 195 school days of 8 hours or 156 school days of 10 hours. The new school term length would apply to kindergarten and grades 1 through 12.

If enacted, HB 2224 would become effective on July 1, 2023.