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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 12, 2024
Subject: HB 2703—Including foster care as a criterion for at-risk programs and services eligibility

House Bill 2703 would amend K.S.A. 72-5153a which provides the eligibility criteria for students to receive at-risk programs and services.¹

Currently, a student is required to be identified as eligible to receive at-risk programs and services if the student:

- (1) Is not working on academic grade level;
- (2) is not meeting the requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade or is failing subjects or courses of study;
- (3) is not meeting the requirements necessary for graduation from high school or has the potential to drop out of school;
- (4) has insufficient mastery of skills or is not meeting state standards;
- (5) has been retained;
- (6) has a high rate of absenteeism;
- (7) has repeated suspensions or expulsions from school;
- (8) is homeless or migrant;
- (9) is identified as an English language learner;
- (10) has social-emotional needs that cause the student to be unsuccessful in school; or
- (11) is identified as a student with dyslexia or characteristics of dyslexia.

HB 2703 would add the condition of being in foster care to the list of eligibility criteria.

HB 2703 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.

¹ The legislature codified the criteria adopted by the state board of education for students who were eligible to receive at-risk programs and services in 2021.