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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Howe and members of the Higher Education Budget Committee
From: Jill A. Wolters, First Assistant Revisor
Date: March 13, 2024
Subject: **SB 481, as amended by Senate Committee - Concerning Kansas state university, renaming Kansas state university polytechnic campus as Kansas state university – Salina**

Senate Bill No. 481, as amended by Senate Committee, renames the Kansas state university polytechnic campus as Kansas state university – Salina in the statutes and provides that whenever Kansas state university polytechnic campus, or word of like effect, is referred to or designated by any statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to Kansas state university – Salina.

Commencing with fiscal year 2025, Kansas state university – Salina shall be considered a separate line item and state general fund account in budget documents and bills concerning Kansas state university.

The bill provides that programs of technical education include, but are not limited to, programs that advance the aerospace, technology and advanced manufacturing industries of the state.

The bill also amends language allowing Kansas state university to purchase insurance for operation and testing of completed project aircraft used in education, training and research. Under current law such insurance is only for operation of aircraft used in professional pilot training.

The bill becomes effective upon the publication in the statute book, July 1, 2024.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means deleted the amendments concerning admission requirements for students. The Senate passed the bill February 22, 2024 on a vote of 39 to 1.