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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Aurand  
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: January 31, 2018

Subject: HB 2540 – Participation by certain students in KSHSAA activities.

House Bill No. 2540 (HB 2540) authorizes local school boards to allow students to participate in activities regulated by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) regardless of whether the student attends public school on a full-time basis. Currently, KSHSAA policy requires students to be enrolled in at least five subjects. HB 2540 would give the school board the discretion to determine which KSHSAA activities such students could participate in. The bill also allows the school board to enroll in or complete a particular course as a condition of participation in an activity.

Under HB 2540, if a school board elects to allow participation by such students, then the board must adopt a policy that requires: (1) the student be a resident of the school district; (2) the student attends a school that is registered with the State Board of Education and that such school attests to the student satisfying all applicable academic requirements for participation; and (3) the student submit an immunization record to the school district.

Any student would be required to satisfy any age or other eligibility requirements of KSHSAA that are not in conflict with the provisions of HB 2540. The student also would be required to pay any participation fees that are required of all students participating in the activity, and abide by all applicable school district policies related to participation in the activity. A student would not be permitted to participate if the student is otherwise prohibited from participating including truancy.

HB 2540 requires a school district's liability insurance to cover students participating pursuant to this law.

If enacted HB 2540 would be effective beginning July 1, 2018.