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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Aurand
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 14, 2018

Subject: HB 2485 – Transportation of certain students.

House Bill No. 2485 (HB 2485) amends K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-6487 regarding when school districts are required to provide or furnish transportation to students. Under current law school districts are required to provide transportation to students who live more than 2¹/₂ miles from the building where they attend if the student's residence and building location meet the statutory requirements. HB 2485 provides an additional transportation requirement if: (1) The student lives 2¹/₂ miles or less from the building; (2) there is no safe pedestrian route from the student's residence to the building; and (3) providing transportation would not increase the transportation costs of the school district.

HB 2485 also defines "safe pedestrian route" as any route that may be traveled on foot and that: (1) has accessible sidewalks or 25 mph speed limits along the entire route; (2) does not cross any roadway with a speed limit in excess of 25 mph unless a crossing guard is present when students would cross; and (3) does not cross any railroad tracks.

If enacted, HB 2485 would become effective on July 1, 2018.