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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

From: Eileen Ma, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief for SB 31

HB 2059 amends K.S.A. 2209p pertaining to requirements made of certain small employer health plans. Current law states that the guaranteed issue provisions set out in subsection (a) do not apply to certain small employer group policies made available through one or more associations. The bill strikes that provision on page 2, lines 26-28 because small employer group policies made available through one or more associations would qualify as large group policies under the Department of Labor's new rule.

The bill also makes the standard technical fixes and cleans up language in the definitions of the bill.

The bill would become effective on April 1, 2019 and publication in the Kansas Register because that is when the new rule pertaining to new self-funded association health plans goes into effect.