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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 13, 2018
Subject: Senate Bill 319

Senate Bill 319 would amend K.S.A. 72-3122 relating to which school district a student can attend based on such student's residency. Current law provides that a child may attend school in the district in which the child lives if: (1) The child lives with a parent or guardian in the district; (2) the child lives in the district due to placement in such district by a court or by the Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF); or (3) the child is homeless. Additionally, current law provides that a child may attend a school district in which the child is not a resident if both school districts enter into an agreement providing for the attendance of such child at the school district of nonresidence.

SB 319 would add another school attendance option for certain children. SB 319 would provide that a child may attend school in the school district in which a foster care contractor is providing services to such child if such child:

1. Has been placed in the care and physical custody of a foster care contractor by either DFC or a court; or
2. is being provided with respite care.

“Respite care” is defined as temporary care of a child in foster care in a family foster home other than the family foster home where the child is placed by DCF, not including any activity that is solely for the purpose of socializing a child in foster care.