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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Williams
Members of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

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Subject: HB 2108 – At-risk educational programs

House Bill No. 2108 (HB 2108) makes amendments to existing statutes regarding at-risk educational programs. First, section 1 of HB 2108 amends K.S.A. 72-5153, which establishes an at-risk education fund in each school district and requires that moneys expended from such fund be for at-risk educational programs that are based on best practices identified by the State Board of Education (KSBE). KSBE is required to identify at-risk education best practices by July 1, 2018, and review and updated such practices as part of its accreditation system review process. HB 2108 would require KSBE to include in its best practices state-based national nonprofit organizations that: (1) Focus on students identified as at-risk, or who face other barriers to success; (2) provide peer-reviewed, evidence-based instruction and support services both in and outside the school setting; and (3) show proven and consistent effectiveness through outcomes data.

Second, HB 2108 amends K.S.A. 72-5193, which provides a list of financing methods utilized by the legislature to satisfy its Article 6, § 6 obligations. The bill would amend subsection (b)(6) to explicitly provide for financing of programs such as Jobs for America's Graduates along with Communities In Schools, which is already listed in the statute, and other similar programs.

If enacted, HB 2108 would become effective on July 1, 2019.