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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Thomas  
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 20, 2024

Subject: SB 438 – AO-K to Work Program Payments.

Senate Bill No. 438 (SB 438) would amend K.S.A. 74-32,267 regarding the AO-K to Work Program. Currently, the AO-K to Work Program provides a \$500 award to students participating in the program minus the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such students. An AO-K program is a career pathway program model that assists students in obtaining a GED, becoming ready for college-level courses, and earning an industry credential. The \$500 payment is to cover the cost of books, tools, materials, and examinations incurred by the student.

SB 438 would remove the requirement to subtract the aggregate amount of other aid awarded to students participating in the program from the \$500 amount. Additionally, the bill would clarify that the \$500 award would be over the lifetime of the student participating in the program.

If enacted, SB 438 would take effect on July 1, 2024.