

STATE OF KANSAS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend **Substitute for HB 2119**, on page 1, following line 17, by inserting:

"WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature and the Kansas Supreme Court agree that, for Kansans, children are our state's most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Supreme Court in *Gannon IV* found that nearly 25% of all public education students are not performing at grade level and that significant achievement gaps exist between all students and certain subgroups of students; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Supreme Court acknowledged that certain student subgroups can have their own special achievement challenges; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the *Gannon* litigation, the Legislature has committed to improving the academic achievement of all students with a particular focus on the students identified by the Court; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Supreme Court has ruled that the the current school finance system provides constitutionally adequate funding and equitable allocation of resources and that the Legislature has substantially complied with the Court's orders expressed in *Gannon VI*; and

WHEREAS, Special challenges require special measures and the Legislature remains committed to providing a finance system that is flexible and offers tailored solutions to raise academic achievement, particularly for those students who face special challenges; and

WHEREAS, Education savings accounts that target those students who qualify for at-risk

educational services provide an additional way for families to tailor the entire educational experience of the student, as opposed to simply tailoring the schooling of such student; and

WHEREAS, Providing families with the access and means necessary to customize the educational experience of a student will provide families with options to increase the student's academic achievement.

Now, therefore:";

On page 13, in line 33, by striking all after "(1)"; by striking all in line 34; in line 35 by striking "(2)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly

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