

Chairwoman Williams and Committee,

Cerner and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce supports the HB2395 with regards to the focus on computer sciences and the IT industry.

We appreciate the call of the legislature to ask the state department of education to conduct a study of graduation requirements established by school districts, including, the inclusion of computer science curriculum as a math or science graduation credit for purposes of satisfying graduation requirements and postsecondary educational institution admissions requirements.

We also support the creation of an IT Advisory Commission to update KSDE and the Kansas Legislature on the advancements of the IT industry and the IT industry workforce development needs.

Thank you for this effort to advance the importance of computer sciences and the IT industry.

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