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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 31, 2024
Subject: HB 2581: Eliminating the court's requirement to order child support be paid to the secretary when custody of a child is awarded to the secretary.

House Bill 2581 would change current requirements that the secretary request and that the court order child support be paid to the secretary for the care of a child who is in custody of the secretary.

In K.S.A. 38-2234, the bill would no longer require that the petition filed by the secretary for custody contain a request that the parent or parents be ordered to pay child support. Additionally, K.S.A. 38-2255 currently requires that when custody of a child is awarded to the secretary, the court shall order child support for such child. This bill would amend that language from a requirement of the court to order such support to an option up to the court.