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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2537

As Recommended by House Committee on
Children and Families

Brief*

HB 2537 would change the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children by adding the House Committee on Children and Families to the list of legislative committees authorized to access confidential records from the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services, law enforcement agencies, and juvenile intake and assessment workers, in relation to child in need of care cases.

Background

Currently, the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children allows access to the above-mentioned records to the House and Senate committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Legislative Post Audit Committee, and any joint committee authorized to study children's and families' issues.

A representative from the Silver Haired Legislature appeared in support of the bill, expressing a need for this legislation based on a need for child care in Kansas. There were no opponents to the bill. The Children's Alliance of Kansas provided neutral testimony, expressing a desire to limit the sharing of information on children and families to protect the children and their families.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget, this bill would have no fiscal effect.