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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Children and Seniors  
From: Kyle Hamilton, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 9, 2017  
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2160

HB 2160 would make amendments to the individual development account program act and allow individuals transitioning from foster care to have their savings matched in order to pay for vehicle expenses and the costs of establishing a residence.

Section 1 would add the following new terms to the act's current definition section:

- **“Individuals who were likely to age out of foster care”** would be defined to mean youth who (1) Were in an out-of-home placement in the custody of the Kansas department for children and families, the department of corrections or a tribal government for any length of time on or after such child's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday; (2) have been released from such custody; and (3) are currently 18 years of age or older.
- **“Qualified vehicle expenses”** would mean the costs associated with the purchase of a qualified vehicle, including purchase price, up to 12 months of automobile insurance premium costs, registration, tags and associated personal property tax.
- **“Qualified vehicle”** would mean an automobile or truck which has passed an inspection by a certified automotive mechanic.
- **“Start-up costs”** would mean expenses a youth leaving foster care will incur to establish a residence, including rent and deposits, utility deposits, necessary household supplies and necessary furniture and appliances.
- **“Secretary”** would mean the secretary of commerce.

Section 2 would add language to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,204 providing that individuals who were likely to age out of foster care may make expenditures from an individual development

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account for qualified vehicle expenses and start-up costs. Qualified vehicle expenses would be required to be paid directly to the third party vendor and rent and utility deposits would be paid directly to the landlord, property management company or utility company providing the service.

HB 2160 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.