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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House of Representatives Committee on Children and Seniors  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 9, 2022  
Subject: Bill Brief on House Bill 2582

House Bill 2582 amends multiple statutes related to the disclosure of records and information in child in need of care cases.

House Bill 2582 adds a subsection to K.S.A. 38-2212, the statute that identifies who can access department for children and families confidential agency records. The proposed section directs the department to "disclose confidential agency records of a child alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of care to the law enforcement agency investigating the alleged or substantiated report... regardless of the disposition of the report or investigation." The information or records to be included in a disclosure to a law enforcement agency shall be any information regarding such report or investigations, past reports of the child or the child's siblings and the perpetrator or alleged perpetrator.

K.S.A. 38-2210 includes a reference to the required disclosure of confidential agency records in K.S.A. 38-2212(e).

House Bill 2582 also adds "an investigating law enforcement agency" to the lists of persons with access to "the official file of a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to this code" in subsection (a) and "the social file of a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to this code" in subsection (b).