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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 1, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief on Senate Bill 83

Senate bill 83 creates certain exceptions to the confidentiality requirement of state child death review board documents.

This bill amends K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 22a-243, which is the statute that establishes the state child death review board. Current law in subsection (j) requires that information and records of the state child death review board remain confidential, with the only exception allowing disclosure to any member of the legislature or legislative committee responsible for enabling or appropriating legislation.

This bill would strike that current exception and replace it with the following seven categories:

- 1) A member of legislature or legislative committee with enabling or appropriating responsibility, in a closed or executive meeting where appropriate steps to preserve privacy have been taken;
- 2) A person or entity contracting with the board, if disclosure is essential for completion of the contract;
- 3) Any person or entity, if the disclosed material is statistical or conclusions of the board contained in its annual report;
- 4) A law enforcement agency investigating a child's death caused by abuse or neglect;
- 5) A county or district attorney prosecuting a child's death caused by abuse or neglect;
- 6) A licensing body, if the disclosed material is related to a disciplinary complaint against one of such body's licensees; and
- 7) A governmental agency or organization with a federalwide assurance for health or education research if personally identifiable information has been redacted.