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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Kyle Hamilton, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 5, 2019

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2094

Under current law, when a report of child abuse or neglect indicates that there has been sexual abuse of a child and that action may be required to protect the child, a joint investigation is then conducted by law enforcement and DCF. Under HB 2094, if such a report indicated that the sexual abuse was committed by a minor against another minor, DCF would be required, in addition to any other services required under the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children, to offer counseling and, as needed, other services to the alleged child perpetrator and the alleged perpetrator's family.

Section 1, paragraph (2) states that such services would be voluntary, unless DCF determines there will be a high risk of future sexual abuse by the alleged child perpetrator if the services are not accepted by either the alleged child perpetrator or the child's family. DCF would be required to document its offers to provide services, the importance of the services, whether the services were accepted and provided, and the outcome for the child and family.

The provisions would become a part of the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children.

HB 2094 would become effective upon publication in the statute book, on July 1, 2019.