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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Development  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 10, 2021  
RE: Bill Brief on HB 2158

HB 2158 would amend statutes related to the Kansas department of health and environment. The bill would remove provisions in the statutes that establish the department's trauma advisory committee and regional trauma councils.

K.S.A. 65-5664 currently gives the trauma advisory committee the authority to conduct closed session meetings when reviewing trauma cases. Additionally, the statute declares that any records or findings of the committee or of the department secretary in consultation with the committee are privileged. But, on July 1, 2021 those authorities would expire. HB 2158 would remove that expiration date and allow the committee and councils to continue conducting closed sessions and keep records privileged.

K.S.A. 65-5665 currently gives regional trauma councils the authority to conduct closed session meetings when reviewing trauma cases. Similarly, the statute declares that any records or findings of the committee or of the department secretary in consultation with the committee are privileged. But, on July 1, 2021 those authorities would expire. HB 2158 would remove that expiration date and allow the committee and councils to continue conducting closed sessions and keep records privileged.

HB 2158 would be effective upon publication in the statute book.