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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2696

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2696, as amended, would create a new section in the Revised Code for Care of Children to allow at least one supervised visit by one or more family members when a child under the age of 18 years has been taken into custody pursuant to the Code and the child requires immediate emergency medical care or hospitalization, or is otherwise seriously ill or injured. The visitation would be allowed within 24 hours of the child being taken into custody. A court would be able to prohibit visitation if it determines that visitation is not in the best interest of the child. The bill would define "family member."

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of Representative Finney. In the House Committee, a private citizen spoke in favor of the bill and a representative of the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) offered neutral testimony. The Committee amended the bill to clarify that its provisions would apply where a child requires care or hospitalization immediately upon being taken into custody.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the DCF and Office of Judicial Administration stated that the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>