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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 21, 2020  
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2457

HB 2457 allows a court case to be opened when a birth certificate is amended to change a name.

Current law in K.S.A. 23-2223 provides that no case file will be opened and no record shall be made by the court when amending a birth certificate to change a name. This bill would allow the court to open a case in this matter. The case, including any affidavits, shall be sealed and realized only upon a court order. No docket fee or surcharge shall be collected by the court, and certified copies of documents issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to the fees required by K.S.A. 65-2418.