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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Children and Seniors
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 3, 2021
Subject: House Bill 2151

HB 2151 creates a Kansas elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary team coordinator. The coordinator shall be appointed by the Attorney General. The coordinator shall facilitate the convening of elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary teams in each judicial district.

The membership of each team shall include the following individuals, or their designee:

- The sheriff of each county within the judicial district
- the county or district attorney of each county within the judicial district
- the secretary for children and families
- the secretary for aging and disability services
- the state long-term care ombudsman

Such teams may also include the following individuals:

- A representative from any law enforcement agency
- a medical provider
- a legal services provider
- a housing provider or representative of elder or dependent adult housing facilities
- the district coroner or a medical examiner
- a representative of the financial services or banking industry
- any other individual deemed necessary by the team

The teams are tasked with coordinating investigations of elder and dependent adult abuse and may identify opportunities to improve local policies and procedures related to the abuse, neglect and exploitation of elder or dependent adults.

The teams would determine the manner and frequency of their meetings. The team may enter memorandums of understanding. All documents and information obtained by the team would be confidential and privileged and not subject to the Kansas Open Records Act. Meetings would not be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The Attorney General would be required to report on the implementation and use of the teams to the legislature beginning in 2022.

HB 2151 also amends K.S.A. 75-723, the statute that establishes an abuse, neglect and exploitation of persons unit in the Attorney General's office. The bill adds the new subsection (b)(8), which allows the unit to assist in any investigation or discussion of any team convened in the new section.

HB 2151 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.