

HOUSE BILL No. 2338

By Committee on Children and Seniors

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1 AN ACT concerning the department for children and families; relating to
2 children and minors; establishing a pilot program for obtaining drivers'
3 licenses; eligible participants and costs thereof; program administration
4 duties; liability.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a pilot program within the
8 department for children and families to assist children in the custody of the
9 secretary of the department for children and families in out-of-home
10 placement in obtaining a driver's license.

11 (b) Prior to June 30, 2022, subject to appropriations, the department
12 shall assist children in the custody of the secretary in out-of-home
13 placement to complete a driver's education program and obtain a driver's
14 license pursuant to K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto, by paying or
15 reimbursing for costs associated with obtaining a driver's license.

16 (c) (1) Costs eligible for payment or reimbursement by the
17 department include the cost of driver's education, examination fees,
18 driver's license fees, motor vehicle insurance, the required driving hours
19 and other costs incidental to ensuring children in out-of-home care may
20 complete a driver's education program and obtain a license.

21 (2) The amount paid or reimbursed by the department for motor
22 vehicle insurance may not exceed the increased cost attributable to the
23 addition of the child to any motor vehicle insurance policy or the total cost
24 of an insurance policy obtained independently by the child.

25 (3) Payments or reimbursements shall be disbursed in order of
26 eligibility determinations until funds are exhausted.

27 (d) (1) The department, in administering the program, shall:

28 (A) Determine program eligibility requirements for recipients of
29 payment and reimbursements of eligible costs; and

30 (B) establish procedures and applications for payments and
31 reimbursements,

32 (2) The department, or any contracting agency, in administering the
33 program, shall:

34 (A) Notify potential recipients of program eligibility;

35 (B) provide assistance to remove obstacles that prevent children in
36 the custody of the secretary from obtaining a driver's license and

1 developing driving skills; and

2 (C) publicize and incentivize the program to encourage children in
3 the custody of the secretary to participate in the program.

4 (e) The department shall not be liable for the death of or injury to
5 persons, or for damage to property caused by a child in the custody of the
6 secretary while driving when such child obtained a driver's license or is in
7 the process of obtaining a driver's license through this program.

8 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.