

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2240

As Recommended by House Committee on
Child Welfare and Foster Care

Brief*

HB 2240 would amend the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children to clarify and require the clerk of the district court to provide various parties with written notice when a child is placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP), after receipt of such written notice from the Secretary for Children and Families (Secretary).

Current law requires the Secretary to provide written notice to the court when a child is placed in a QRTP. Written notice must also be given to specified parties, but no entity is designated in law to provide notice of such placement. The specified entities who must be notified are the petitioner; the attorney for the parents, if any; each parent at the last known address; the child, if 12 years of age or older; the child's guardian *ad litem*; any other party or interested party; and the child's court-appointed special advocate.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care at the request of the Department for Children and Families (DCF).

*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>

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In the House Committee hearing, a representative of DCF provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would clarify that the clerk of the district court is required to provide written notice to various parties regarding a child's placement in a QRTP.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch, although it would likely be negligible. DCF indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Qualified residential treatment programs; notice of placement