

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Children and Seniors** recommends **HB 2345** be amended on page 1, in line 11, by striking all after "families"; by striking all in lines 12 and 13; in line 14, by striking "administration"; also in line 14, after "care" by inserting "as provided in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 38-2201 et seq., and amendments thereto"; in line 26, by striking all after the second "and"; in line 27, by striking "administration" and inserting "juvenile courts"; in line 32, after "and" by inserting "the chief justice of the supreme court,"; in line 34, by striking the first "and" and inserting "or";

On page 2, in line 11, by striking "or" and inserting a comma; in line 12, after "welfare" by inserting "or any relevant joint committee"; in line 28, after "welfare" by inserting ", any relevant joint committee"; in line 35, after "(2)" by inserting "Such reports shall not include names or personally identifiable information of children, guardians or families in complaints.

(3)";

Also on page 2, in line 37, after "welfare" by inserting "or any relevant joint committee"; in line 39, by striking "4" and inserting "3";

On page 3, in line 6, by striking all after "(3)"; by striking all in lines 7 and 8; in line 9, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "compile, collect and preserve a record of complaints received and processed that may reveal concerning patterns to be addressed"; in line 13, by striking all before the semicolon; in line 14, after "(5)" by inserting "receive and exchange records as provided in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 38-2201 et seq. and 38-2301 et seq., and amendments thereto, to"; in line 15, by striking "subsections" and inserting "subsection"; in line 16, by

striking all before the semicolon; in line 26, by striking the second "the"; in line 27, by striking all before the comma and inserting "juvenile courts"; in line 33, by striking all after "Access"; by striking all in lines 34 through 40; in line 41, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "records as provided in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 38-2201 et seq. and 38-2301 et seq., and amendments thereto, related to complaints received;

(2) access all written reports of child abuse and neglect maintained by the secretary for children and families related to complaints received";

Also on page 3, in line 43, after "providers" by inserting a comma;

On page 4, in line 3, by striking "the office of judicial administration" and inserting "juvenile courts"; by striking all in lines 6 through 10; in line 17, after "offender," by inserting "child in need of care,"; in line 25, by striking "office of judicial administration" and inserting "juvenile courts"; in line 31, by striking "and"; in line 34, after "appropriate" by inserting "; and

(11) conduct an independent review of any policy, procedure or practice that is the subject of a complaint submitted as provided in this section.

(c) (1) Any duty or action of the child advocate provided in sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall be independent of the judicial and executive branches of government.

(2) Nothing in this section shall create a just cause for delay of court proceedings or excuse any court, county attorney or district attorney, guardian ad litem or other agency from their duties in proceedings related to a child.

(3) No review of any complaint shall require any licensed professional to engage or not engage in conduct required or prohibited by any governing professional code of responsibility or conduct";

Also on page 4, in line 35, by striking all after "(a)"; by striking all in line 36; in line 37, by striking all before the second "shall" and inserting "Annual reports submitted as provided in

section 1, and amendments thereto,";

On page 5, in line 6, by striking "38-2209 through K.S.A. 38-2213" and inserting "2020 Supp. 38-2201 et seq. and 38-2301 et seq.";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 5, in line 22, by striking all after the second "and"; in line 23, by striking "administration" and inserting "juvenile courts"; and the bill be passed as amended.

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Chairperson