
SB 263/HB 353: Requires substantial consideration of grandparent who requests custody when child has been removed from custody of parents. SB 262 passed; eff. July 1, 2012.

SB 384: Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights Act. Passed by Senate; died in House Judiciary. Referred to Judicial Council and Special Committee on Judiciary for interim study.

HB 37: Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights Act, introduced by Special Committee on Judiciary. Tabled in Senate Judiciary in 2015; died in committee at end of 2016 Session.

SB 255: Would have established the Foster Care Oversight Task Force, with a similar charge as the Special Committee on Foster Care Adequacy, and a sunset date of January 1, 2019. House Committee on Children and Seniors recommended favorably as amended; died on House Calendar at end of 2016 Session.

HB 43: Transferred foster care licensing responsibilities from Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to DCF. Eff. July 1, 2015.

HB 258: Would have established State Ombudsman Concerning Child Abuse; included investigation of complaints and monitoring of issues involving children in foster care. Died in House Judiciary without hearing.

HB 253: Would have amended CINC code to provide a number of specific rights to grandparents. Died in House Judiciary without hearing.

SB 157: Would have specified that nothing in the CINC Code shall be construed to compel a parent to medicate a child if the parent is acting in accordance with a physician’s medical advice. Stricken from 2015 CCR; placed in SB 159 (also contains provisions related to law enforcement officer taking child into custody when drugs present) and passed Senate. 2015 House Judiciary recommended substitute bill for SB 159 on same topic, struck from House calendar by Rule 1507. Language placed in second 2015 CCR for SB 113, which was not adopted by House. Referred to Judicial Council in 2015 for interim study. See 2016 column (SB 418).

HB 315: Would have limited the number of foster children in a home. Died in Senate Judiciary Committee at end of 2016 Session.

HB 262: Would have added provisions related to the safe visitation of foster children and making joint custody determinations. Died in House Social Services Budget Committee.

SB 259: Would have limited the number of foster children in a home. Died in Senate Judiciary Committee at end of 2016 Session.

SB 259: Would have amended the definition of crime of unlawful sexual relations. SB 279 died in House Commercials, but language included in CCRB for HB 2613. Eff. July 1, 2012.

HB 2536: Would have established the Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (KFAPA) to work on foster parent issues, and the Kansas Judicial Council to work on foster care issues. DCF/contractor oversight, and Special Committee on Foster Care Adequacy, and a sunset date of January 1, 2019. House Committee on Children and Seniors recommended favorably as amended; died on House Calendar at end of 2016 Session.

HB 2103: Would have established the Foster Care Oversight Task Force, with a similar charge as the Special Committee on Foster Care Adequacy, and a sunset date of January 1, 2019. House Committee on Children and Seniors recommended favorably as amended; died on House Calendar at end of 2016 Session.

SB 279/HB 2613: Added family foster home relationships to definition of crime of unlawful sexual relations. SB 279 died in House Commercials, but language included in CCRB for HB 2613. Eff. July 1, 2012.

HB 2536: Would have amended CINC code to provide a number of specific rights to grandparents. Died in House Judiciary without hearing.

SB 148/HB 2244/SB 159/SB 113: Safe Families Act. Power of attorney to delegate care and custody of child for up to one year. Introduced as SB 148 and HB 2244, which were both stricken from calendar. Language placed in SB 159 (also contains provisions related to law enforcement officer taking child into custody when drugs present) and passed Senate. 2015 House Judiciary recommended substitute bill for SB 159 on same topic, struck from House calendar by Rule 1507. Language placed in second 2015 CCR for SB 113, which was not adopted by House. Referred to Judicial Council in 2015 for interim study. See 2016 column (SB 418).

SB 254: Would have added provisions related to calculating visitation time under CINC code. Died in Senate Judicial Council during interim.

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Special Committee on Foster Care Adequacy: To review foster care contractor oversight by DCF; evaluate whether working group would aid in addressing foster care concerns; study selection and qualification of foster parents; review duties of those responsible for foster children. Safe Families Act, DCF/contractor oversight, and Grandparents Rights Law.

Legislative Division of Post Audit: Conducting three-part study on “Foster Care and Adoption in Kansas: Reviewing Various Issues Related to the State’s Foster Care and Adoption System.” The report on Part 1 was released in July 2016. The report on Part 2 was released in September 2016. It is anticipated the report on Part 3 will be released in early 2017.


Legislative Audit Committee: Conducting review of Social Services Budget Committee.