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MEMORANDUM

To: House of Representatives Committee on Children and Seniors
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 18, 2021
Subject: House Bill 2338

HB 2338 would establish a program to assist children in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families obtain a driver's license.

The bill would establish a pilot program to be administered by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The program would pay or reimburse costs associated with obtaining a driver's license for children in the custody of the Secretary in an out-of-home placement. Those costs could include:

1. Driver's license and examination fees;
2. driver's education courses;
3. required driving hours; and
4. insurance.

Amounts to be paid or reimbursed for insurance would be limited to the total amount spent on the addition of the child to a policy or an independently obtained policy. The funds available would be subject to appropriations and disbursed in order of determined eligibility.

The Department would determine eligibility requirements for recipients of payment or reimbursement and establish procedures for such payments or reimbursements. Additionally, the Department and any contracting agency would notify potential eligible recipients, assist in obtaining a driver's license and publicize the program. The department would be immune from suits related to a child who obtained a driver's license through the program.

The section would be effective upon publication in the statute book.