HOUSE BILL No. 2198

By Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

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AN ACT concerning child care facilities; relating to the disclosure of certain records relating thereto; amending K.S.A. 65-525, as amended by section 19 of chapter 145 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-525, as amended by section 19 of chapter 145 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-525. (a) Records in the possession of the department of health and environment or its agents regarding child care facilities, maternity centers or family day care homes shall not be released publicly in a manner that would identify individuals, unless required by law.

- (b) Records containing the name, address and telephone number of a child care facility, maternity center or family day care home in the possession of the department of health and environment or its agents shall not be released publicly unless required by law.
- (c) Records that cannot be released by subsection (a) or (b) may be released to: (1) An agency or organization authorized to receive notice under K.S.A. 65-506, and amendments thereto; (2) a criminal justice agency; (3) any state or federal agency that provides child care services, funding for child care or child protective services; (4) any federal agency for the purposes of compliance with federal funding requirements; (5) any local fire department; (6) any child and adult care food program sponsoring agency; or (7) any local disaster agency; or (8) upon the request of any person whose child is receiving child care services or who is seeking to obtain child care services from a child care facility, appropriate information which may affect the child's health, safety or welfare shall be disclosed.
- (d) Any state or federal agency or any person receiving records under subsection (a) or (b) shall not disseminate the records without the consent of the person whose records will be disseminated unless required by law. Any state or federal agency or any person receiving records under subsection (e) may disseminate the information contained in the records without the consent of the person whose records will be disseminated.
 - (e) The secretary of health and environment may release the name,

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 address and telephone number of a maternity center, child care facility or family day care home when the secretary determines that the release of the information is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of the public or the patients or children enrolled in the maternity center, child care facility or family day care home.

- (f) Any records under subsection (a) or (b) shall be available to any member of the standing committee on appropriations of the house of representatives or the standing committee on ways and means of the senate carrying out such member's or committee's official functions in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto, in a closed or executive meeting. Except in limited conditions established by ½ of the members of such committee, records received by the committee shall not be further disclosed. Unauthorized disclosure may subject such member to discipline or censure from the house of representatives or senate. Such records shall not identify individuals but shall include data and contract information concerning specific facilities.
- (g) In any hearings conducted under the licensing or regulation provisions of K.S.A. 65-501 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, the presiding officer may close the hearing to the public to prevent public disclosure of matters relating to persons restricted by other laws.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-525, as amended by section 19 of chapter 145 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.