

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Child Welfare and Foster Care** recommends **HB 2443** be amended on page 2, in line 28, by striking "12" and inserting "11"; in line 35, after the semicolon by inserting "and"; in line 36, by striking all after "(B)"; by striking all in line 37; in line 38, by striking "(C)"; in line 39, by striking "and"; by striking all in line 40;

On page 3, in line 1, by striking all after "(B)"; by striking all in line 2; in line 3, by striking "(C)"; by striking all in line 5; in line 6, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "(C) an individual with professional experience providing mental health services to a child in need of care"; in line 8, by striking "and"; in line 9, by striking all after "(B)"; in line 10, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "an individual who is a biological parent to a child in need of care; and

(C) a member at-large";

Also on page 3, in line 13, by striking "and"; in line 14, by striking all after "(B)"; in line 15, by striking all before the period and inserting "an individual who has adopted a child through a Kansas court; and

(C) a member at-large";

Also on page 3, in line 21, after "(f)" by inserting "The board may suspend or remove any member of the board for failure to perform such member's duties by majority vote of the board. Any vacancy created by such removal shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(g)";

Also on page 3, in line 23, by striking "(g)" and inserting "(h) (1)"; following line 25, by inserting:

"(2) At the board's initial meeting and annually at the board's first meeting subsequent to July 1, the board shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and other officers as the board deems appropriate from the board's membership.";

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

On page 5, following line 40, by inserting:

"(e) The filing of a complaint to the office shall not establish any relationship between the child advocate or an employee of the office and a complainant or any other party involved in the complaint. There is no privilege as to any communication between the child advocate or an employee of the office and a complainant or any other party involved in the complaint.";

On page 6, in line 4, after "(b)" by inserting "(1)"; also in line 4, by striking "either" and inserting "":

(A)";

Also on page 6, in line 7, by striking the first "or" and inserting "":

(B)";

Also on page 6, in line 8, after "welfare" by inserting "": or

(C) has demonstrated extensive experience in the practice of child welfare in the field";

Also on page 6, also in line 8, after the period by inserting:

"(2)"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson