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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 15, 2023  
Subject: HB 2377: Directing the office of vital statistics to provide birth or death certificates to the Kansas department for children and families and exempt the department from fees for such certificates.

House bill 2377 amends two statutes related to the disclosure and fees of vital statistics. The changes relate to the secretary for children and families and courts accessing birth and death records of those involved in child in need of care proceedings.

The bill amends K.S.A. 65-2418, the statute that authorizes the secretary of health and environment to set fees for records. The bill amends this statute to direct the secretary of health and environment to not charge or accept a fee for birth or death certificates of a child who is the subject of a child in need of care proceeding or a party to or an alleged party to the proceedings requested by: (1) the secretary for children and families; or (2) a court with jurisdiction over the child in need of care proceedings.

The bill amends K.S.A. 65-2422d, the statute dealing with disclosures, to direct the state registrar to issue certified copies of death or birth certificates of a child who is the subject of a child in need of care proceeding or a party to or an alleged party to the proceedings when the records are requested by: (1) the secretary for children and families; or (2) a court with jurisdiction over the child in need of care proceedings. Additionally, when the state registrar has received an initial journal entry establishing the child is a child in need of care, the registrar shall provide the records within 48 hours of the request.