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CHILD WELFARE AND FOSTER CARE COMMITTEE

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	HOUSE BILLS			
HB2076	Reducing the authorized amount of days that a child may be placed in a secure facility and eliminating the court's option to extend such authorization.	Laura Howard, Secretary, DCF	no hearing	no action
HB2093	Authorizing victims of childhood abuse to access records related to substantiated reports or investigations of abuse or neglect and extending the time to file civil actions for recovery of damages caused by childhood sexual abuse.	Tess Ramirez on behalf of Protecting KS Children from Sexual Predators	no hearing	no action
HB2132	**Substitute for Substitute for HB 2132** by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care - Determining when a law enforcement officer may or shall take a child into custody.		re-referred to committee on 1/28/2026	02/02/2026 BPA as Sub for Sub for HB2132
HB2175	Requiring the secretary for children and families to notify the parent of a child who is the subject of an investigation of abuse or neglect of such parent's rights during such investigation and to complete a written report upon closing such an investigation, providing for an agreement between the parent of a child and the secretary if such child is removed from the home during an investigation of abuse or neglect and a parent to withhold certain information except when otherwise ordered by a court.	Representative Cyndi Howerton, Child Welfare and Foster Care Committee	02/07/25	no action

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HB2207	Authorizing parents of a child who is the subject of an investigation of abuse or neglect or a child in need of care proceeding and victims of childhood abuse or neglect to access records related to such investigation or proceeding.	Representative Cyndi Howerton, Child Welfare and Foster Care Committee	no hearing	no action
HB2524	Permitting the secretary for children and families to license family foster homes when certain persons reside in such home and creating an appeal process for family foster homes when licenses are not granted.	John Monroe on behalf of KVC Kansas	02/02/26	2/9/26 BPA
HB2557	Enacting and joining with other states in the Interstate compact for the placement of children and authorizing the administration and implementation of the compact.	Rebecca Gerhardt on behalf of Department for Children and Families	02/03/26	BP 02/04/2026
HB2589	Prohibiting the secretary for children and families from accepting anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect, requiring the secretary to inform anonymous reporters of such prohibition and other pertinent information regarding reporting child abuse and neglect and allowing law enforcement agencies to accept anonymous reports of child abuse or neglect.	Representatives Timothy Johnson and David Buehler	02/04/26	BPA 02/16/26
HB2601	Establishing a registry for child abuse and neglect to be maintained by the secretary for children and families and providing for registration and expungement processes that include administrative hearings and opportunities for subsequent appeals.	Representative Cyndi Howerton	02/11/2026 and 02/16/2026	BPA 02/16/26

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HB2638	Requiring that a child in custody of the secretary be provided information regarding the child's rights and the secretary maintain confirmation of the child's notification and understanding of such child's rights in child in need of care proceedings.	Representative Ford Carr	02/11/26	no action
HB2639	Changing the name of juvenile crisis intervention centers to juvenile stabilization centers, modifying the intake criteria and treatment provided at such centers and transferring moneys from the evidence-based programs account of the state general fund for use at such centers.	Representative Cyndi Howerton	02/09/26	BPA 02/16/2026
HB2734	Requiring expedited procedures for children who are under two years of age at the time that a petition is filed requesting such child be adjudicated to be a child in need of care, requiring permanency for such a child within 12 months and directing the secretary to report on such expedited procedures.	Representative Susan Humphries	02/11/2026 and 02/16/2026	BPA 02/16/2026
HB2742	Enacting the family rights in medical investigations act to provide requirements for the reporting of suspicions of abuse or neglect of a child for medical professionals and require a medical professional to provide notice to a parent of a CARE exam and allow parents to request a second medical opinion.	Representative Rui Xu on behalf of Sarah Goble	Informational hearing 03/4/2026	no action
	SENATE BILLS			

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