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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: House Bill 2557 – As Introduced

House Bill 2557 would enact and join other states in enacting the 2007 revised Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. The bill repeals the current compact, statutes accompanying the current compact and enacts new statutes to enact a compact and authorize the administration and implementation of such compact.

Section 1 states the legislative findings and declaration of policy for the enactment of the compact. This section mirrors K.S.A. 38-1201, which would be repealed by this bill.

Section 2 would enact the revised 2007 compact language. Found in Article I, the purpose of the compact is to provide suitable homes for children. Article II defines terms used throughout the compact. Article III discusses when the compact shall and shall not apply. For military service members, the agency shall choose either the state of the service member's permanent duty station or the service member's declared legal residence. Article IV governs jurisdiction of the entities involved and subject to the compact and when such agency's own jurisdiction shall apply. Article V discusses and sets procedures for placement evaluation. Article VI prohibits placement unless the placement is approved. Article VII governs the placing agency responsibility. Article VIII proposes and would establish the Interstate Commission for the Placement of Children. The commission would include representatives from member states. Article IX outlines the powers and duties of the commission, which would include adopting rules to effectuate the compact, issuing advisory opinions, collecting data and reporting on the compact. Article X governs the commission's process on organization and bylaws. Article XI governs the rulemaking functions of the interstate commission. Article XII sets forth processes for dispute resolution arising under the compact, enforcement of the compact and the oversight

duties of the commission. Article XIII discusses financing the compact. Article XIV discusses the effective date upon the adoption of the 35th state. Article XV allows for withdrawal from the compact if a member state enacts such a statute withdrawing from the compact. Article XVI establishes the severability of the compact and that such sections shall be severable. Article XVII establishes the binding nature of the compact. Article XVII allows for the commission to work with Indian tribes to use the compact tailored to such tribes' needs.

Section 3 provides for the governor to appoint a compact administrator. The administrator shall work with similar officers of other states to carry out the compact, serves at the pleasure of the governor, and is authorized to work with Kansas departments and agencies to facilitate the administration of the compact. This section mirrors K.S.A. 38-1203, which would be repealed by this bill.

Section 4 authorizes the administrator to enter into any supplementary agreements pursuant to the compact. The section requires Kansas department or agency approval if such agreements contemplate the use of Kansas facilities or services as would be provided by such department or agency. This section mirrors K.S.A. 38-1204, which would be repealed by this bill.

Section 5 authorizes the compact administrator, subject to the approval of the state director of accounts and reports, to make or arrange for any payments necessary for financial obligations imposed by the compact or supplementary agreement. This section mirrors K.S.A. 38-1205, which would be repealed by this bill.

Section 6 requires that state courts, department, agencies and officers enforce the compact within their respective jurisdictions. Failure to comply with the provisions of the interstate compact for the placement of children by any professional providing services related to the placement of children would be a class C misdemeanor. This section mirrors K.S.A. 38-1206, which would be repealed by this bill.

The effective date of the bill would be upon publication in the statute book.