

## HOUSE BILL No. 2208

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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9 AN ACT concerning children in need of care; relating to the department  
10 of social and rehabilitation services; duties; amending K.S.A. 2008  
11 Supp. 38-2230 and repealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 38-2230 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 38-2230. Whenever any person furnishes information to the sec-  
16 retary that a child appears to be a child in need of care, the department  
17 shall *furnish a copy of such information to the county or district attorney*  
18 *and* make a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the interests of the  
19 child require further action be taken. Whenever practicable, the inquiry  
20 shall include a preliminary investigation of the circumstances which were  
21 the subject of the information, including the home and environmental  
22 situation and the previous history of the child. If reasonable grounds to  
23 believe abuse or neglect exist, immediate steps shall be taken to protect  
24 the health and welfare of the abused or neglected child as well as that of  
25 any other child under the same care who may be harmed by abuse or  
26 neglect. After the inquiry, if the secretary determines it is not otherwise  
27 possible to provide those services necessary to protect the interests of the  
28 child, the secretary shall recommend to the county or district attorney  
29 that a petition be filed.

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 38-2230 is hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.