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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2839**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2839 would amend the Grandparents as Caregivers Act by removing the requirement that a grandparent possess legal custody of a grandchild in order to participate in the Grandparents as Caregivers Program. The bill would replace the legal custody condition with the requirement that a grandchild only reside with the grandparent.

**Background**

Proponents included Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau; Irv Hoffman, Silver-Haired Legislature; and several concerned citizens.

Written proponents included Gina MacDonald, Kansas Children's Service League, and Craig Kaberline, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association.

No opponents testified on the bill.

Candace Shively, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), testified as neutral on the bill.

According to the fiscal note, SRS indicates that the passage of HB 2839 would increase expenditures in the Grandparents as Caregivers Program.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>