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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE  
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 247**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

House Sub. for SB 247 would makes changes in the children in need of care statutes. The bill would amend the Revised Code for Care of Children related to children in the custody of the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). The bill would add language that would maximize the reimbursement of a child's grandparent when the placement of the child is with the grandparent.

The bill also would direct the Secretary of Health and Environment, in cooperation with the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services, to develop rules and regulations to include training requirements for providers of direct services at maternity centers and child care facilities under KSA 65-508 (child placement agencies or child care resource and referral agencies) who are not otherwise licensed to provide professional services. The bill also would require licensees under KSA 65-6313 (social workers) who work with children to complete not less than six hours of continuing education annually.

In addition, the bill would add new provisions regarding guardians *ad litem* appointed to represent children. First, the bill would require not less than six hours of annual continuing education. Second, the bill would require the filing of an annual continuing education report with the chief judge of the judicial district. The bill also would require court-appointed special

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advocates to attend at least six hours of continuing education each year.

## **Background**

The House Committee deleted provisions in SB 247 that amended the Club and Drinking Establishment Act and inserted provisions from HB 2512 that would amend the children in need of care statutes.

The House Committee conducted a series of hearings on the children in need of care provisions in state law as a result of the recommendations from an interim study by the 2009 Joint Committee on Children's Issues. Testimony was heard during the 2010 Session by the House Committee from numerous representatives of agencies, organizations, the courts, and individuals with problems and issues to describe, as well as the different responses to such problems and issues. HB 2512 was one of the legislative recommendations from the Joint Committee on Children's Issues that the House Committee reviewed and made recommendations for amendments in the proposed legislation.

The House Committee held a hearing of HB 2512, but no opponents or proponents testified on the day of the hearing.

The House Committee amended HB 2512 to incorporate changes to the statutes concerned with placement of children in need of care with the child's grandparents and the reimbursement for the costs of care for the child or children. The Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services provided input to the House Committee during discussion of the amendments to HB 2512.

The House Committee also added new provisions requiring annual continuing education for various people who work with children in need of care.

The Office of Judicial Administration stated that HB 2512 as introduced would not result in a discernable fiscal effect for

the Judicial Branch, but notes the possible loss of federal funding for SRS could affect the entire state budget. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2512 is not reflected in *The FY 2011 Governor's Budget Report*.