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**Neutral Testimony to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
On SB145**

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Chair Gossage and Committee Members:

Our associations do not oppose the intentions and concept of this bill. However, we do oppose having DCF cases referred to us that do not involve criminal activity or an immediacy for law enforcement action to protect the safety of the child. We believe the wording in the bill still allows room for non-criminal cases to be required for referral to law enforcement.

We would be proponents of this bill with the following changes:

1. Amend the provisions on page 1, line 27-32 to begin: **“When there is reason to believe a crime has occurred and upon assignment by the secretary for a department of children and families investigation. . .”**
2. By adding at the end of the new provision on page 2, lines 4-7: “Any information relevant to the case possessed by the department of children and families or by the investigating law enforcement agency shall be promptly exchanged as provided in K.S.A. 38-2210, 38-2211, 38-2212, and 38-2213.”

We look forward to working with the Committee, the proponents of the bill, and the revisor to make these amendments.

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