

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2132**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Child Welfare and Foster Care

Brief*

Sub. for Sub. for HB 2132 would amend law in the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children (CINC Code) concerning when a law enforcement officer may take a child under 18 years of age into custody.

The bill would make it discretionary for a law enforcement officer to take a child under 18 years of age into custody when the officer:

- Reasonably believes the child will be harmed if not immediately removed from the place or residence where the child has been found; or
- Reasonably believes the child is experiencing a behavioral health crisis and is likely to cause harm to self or others.

[*Note:* Current law makes it mandatory for law enforcement to take a child under 18 years of age into custody when the above circumstances exist.]

Background

On January 28, 2026, Substitute for HB 2132, pertaining to the definition of “neglect” in the CINC Code; what facts must be specified in a CINC petition requesting removal of

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the child from the child's home; police protective custody; and factors to be considered in orders for temporary custody was withdrawn from the House Calendar and re-referred to the House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

Upon re-referral, the House Committee recommended a second substitute bill incorporating provisions replacing the word "shall" with "may" with respect to when a law enforcement officer takes a child under 18 years of age into custody.

[Note: The provisions of the initial substitute bill were not retained in the second substitute bill.]

Fiscal Information

A fiscal note was not available at the time the House Committee took action on the second substitute bill.

Children and minors; law enforcement; Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children; police protective custody