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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2105

As Recommended by House Committee on
Children and Families

Brief*

HB 2105 would prohibit a court from ordering that a child be removed from the parents' custody solely because the parent is homeless. The bill also would extend the notification requirement from 10 days to 14 days in two instances:

- Before the court ordered custodian places the child back in the care of the parent, and
- After the court issues an order designating the custodian.

Background

United Methodist Youthville and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) testified in support of the bill. A representative from United Methodist Youthville stated that the organization supported the change because sometimes families still are able to care for a child, although circumstances may have rendered them homeless. Testimony from SRS supported this statement.

One adoptive parent and one grandparent testified against the bill citing broader concerns about child placement with SRS as well as with the law.

According to the fiscal note, SRS indicates that the bill would not increase or decrease the number of children in its

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custody and would have no fiscal impact on its operations. The Office of Judicial Administration indicated no fiscal impact on court operations.