

SESSION OF 2011

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2105

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

### **Brief\***

HB 2105 would prohibit a court from ordering that a child be removed from the parents' custody solely because the parent is homeless.

### **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 are still 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.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to revert back to current law (10 days) with respect to the notification requirement 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.

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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>

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, SRS indicates that the bill would not increase or decrease the number of children in its custody, and would have no fiscal impact on its operations. The Office of Judicial Administration indicated no fiscal impact on court operations.