Session of 2014

## **HOUSE BILL No. 2696**

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning the revised Kansas code for care of children; relating to custody; seriously ill or injured child; supervised visits by family members.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Whenever a child under the age of 18 years is taken into custody pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children and the child requires **immediate** emergency medical care or hospitalization, or is otherwise seriously ill or injured, one or more of the child's family members shall be allowed at least one supervised visit with the child within 24 hours of the child being taken into custody. A court may prohibit such supervised visit by a family member if the court determines it is not in the best interest of the child.

- (b) As used in this section, "family member" means parent, grandparent of any degree, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle or aunt, whether biological, step or adoptive.
- (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised Kansas code for care of children.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.