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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Children and Seniors
From: Kyle Hamilton, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2019

HB 2019 would establish the foster care oversight task force.

Subsection (a) would provide the purpose of the task force and require the Kansas department for children and families to provide the task force, upon request, with data and information on foster care programs.

Subsection (b) would establish the task force's membership, which would consist of seventeen members. Twelve members would be legislators. The remaining five members would be appointed by the governor and consist of an attorney who practices family law; a district court judge who maintains a family law docket; a member of CASA; a guardian ad litem; and a member of the Kansas children service league.

Subsection (c) would concern term lengths and vacancies. The legislative members would be appointed for terms coinciding with the legislative terms for which they were elected or appointed. Members appointed by the governor would have three-year terms. Members appointed to fill vacancies or succeed members would be appointed in the same manner as the member being replaced.

Subsection (d) would require the speaker of the house of representatives to appoint a member as the task force's first chairperson by August 1, 2017. The task force would be required to meet at least six times a year on the call of the chairperson.

Subsection (e) would require the task force to submit a written report on the findings and recommendations of the task force for the previous year to various legislative entities at the beginning of each regular session of the legislature.

Subsection (f) would allow members of the task force to receive compensation, subsistence allowances, and payment for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing his or her statutory duties as a member.

Subsection (g) would allow the legislative coordinating council to provide staff and professional services as requested by the task force.

Subsection (h) would sunset the task force on January 1, 2020.

HB 2019 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.