

Disclosure of Certain Information Related to Child Fatality; HB 2628

HB 2628 modifies the law governing access to confidential information regarding children alleged or adjudicated to be in need of care.

The bill requires the Secretary for Children and Families (Secretary) to release certain information to the public in response to an open records request pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) within seven business days of receipt of the request, if criminal charges are filed with a court alleging that a person caused a child fatality. [*Note: Continuing law requires release of the same information in response to a KORA request within seven business days when child abuse or neglect results in a child fatality. The required information includes age and sex of the child, date of fatality, a summary of previous reports and findings of abuse or neglect involving the child, and services provided to the child as recommended by the Department for Children and Families.*]