

HOUSE BILL No. 2696

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

2-14

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

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

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

14 (b) As used in this section, "family member" means parent,
15 grandparent of any degree, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle or
16 aunt, whether biological, step or adoptive.

17 (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised
18 Kansas code for care of children.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.