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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 29, 2020  
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2333

HB 2333 makes changes to the date a final decree of adoption takes effect.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 59-2134 to provide that a final decree of adoption takes effect upon filing of the judgment unless the judge makes a finding that it is in the best interest of the child for the decree to take effect at an earlier time as the court directs. A decree cannot take effect before a bona fide relationship was established between the child and the prospective adoptive parents. The court may consider a prospective adoptive parent's deployment or mobilization and the interests of siblings being adopted together.

If an adoption decree is entered prior to July 1, 2019, the court may modify the decree at the request of an adoptive parent within 180 days after the enactment of this section. The changes made to this section will not apply to an adoption when the person to be adopted has attained the age of majority before the petition for adoption is filed.