

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Children and Seniors** recommends **HB 2149** be amended on page 4, in line 34, by striking all after "(k)"; by striking all in lines 35 through 40; in line 41, by striking all before the period and inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), at the discretion of an internal panel established by the Kansas department for children and families in rules and regulations, a family foster home, as defined in K.S.A. 38-134, and amendments thereto, that is licensed by or is applying for licensure with the department may be exempted from the provisions of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(8) if such panel determines that such exemption:

(A) Is in the best interest of a child in custody of the secretary who is or will be under the care of the family foster home; and

(B) does not present a safety concern.

(2) The panel shall not grant an exemption when a person who resides, works or regularly volunteers at the family foster home has a conviction for a:

(A) Severity level 1 through 5 felony, person or nonperson;

(B) crime that involved a child victim; or

(C) drug severity level 1 through 3 felony.

(3) At least 10 days prior to the final decision of the internal panel to grant the exemption, the secretary shall provide a written notice of the pending exemption to the county or district attorney in the judicial district where the conviction occurred";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "child"; in line 3, by striking "care facility" and inserting "family foster home"; in line 4, by striking all following "of"; in line 5, by striking "families" and inserting "an internal panel established by the Kansas department for children and families; notice to county or district attorney"; and the bill be passed as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairperson