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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2116

As Recommended by House Committee on
Children and Seniors

Brief*

HB 2116 would amend law governing eligibility for non-temporary assistance for needy families (non-TANF) child care by adding an exemption to the 20-hour-per-week work participation requirement for adult caretakers of a child in custody of the Secretary for Children and Families in out-of-home placement, and needing child care assistance.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Children and Seniors at the request of the Department for Children and Families (DCF).

House Committee on Children and Seniors

In the House Committee on Children and Seniors hearing on February 2, 2021, a representative of DCF testified as a **proponent** of the bill, stating the bill would allow the State to provide federal funds for childcare costs to caregivers of foster children working under 20 hours per week. Written-only **proponent** testimony was submitted by a representative of Children's Alliance of Kansas. No other testimony was provided.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect because Child Care and Development Fund funds are currently being claimed for these cases. If it was determined the current claiming methodology was not allowable, approximately \$160,000 in State General Fund would be needed to fully fund the services annually. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Kansas Department of Corrections, and the Office of Judicial Administration indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Departments or Judiciary, respectively.

Child-care assistance eligibility; 20-hour-per-week work requirement; foster parent exemption