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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 14, 2023  
Subject: Bill Brief on Senate Bill 233

Senate Bill 233 creates a civil cause of action against a physician who performs childhood gender reassignment service and requiring revocation of a physician's license who performs such service.

Section 1 creates a new section of law to allow an individual who has had a childhood gender reassignment service performed on such individual as a child to bring a civil cause of action against the physician who performed such service. The action can be brought up to three years after the individual reaches the age of 18. “Childhood gender reassignment service” is defined in subsection (b) as any acts performed on a child under 18 years of age with the purpose of attempting to affirm the child’s perceived gender, including sterilization procedures, certain surgeries and prescribing hormones and hormones blockers. Subsection (c) provides exceptions for children with medically verifiable disorders of sex development. This bill would allow an individual to seek actual and punitive damages, injunctive relief and would allow a prevailing plaintiff to recover costs and attorney fees.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 65-2836, which is the section of law that provides grounds for revocation of licenses for healing arts licensees. This bill creates a new subsection (b) that requires a physician’s license to be revoked upon a finding that such physician has performed a childhood gender reassignment service.