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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House of Representatives Committee on Children and Seniors  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 22, 2021  
Subject: Senate Bill 85

Senate Bill 85 would create a new section of law that requires notice to the governor and the legislature when a child in foster care goes missing or spends the night in a location not licensed as a placement for foster youth.

Subsection (a) defines "child in foster care" and "foster care case management contractor." In subsection (b), a foster care case management contractor shall give notice to the Kansas department for children and families, within 24 hours, whenever a child in foster care either goes missing or spends any overnight period in a location not licensed as a placement for foster youth. Subsection (b)(2) specifies the information to be included in a report for a missing foster care child, and (b)(3) specifies the information to be included when a child spends the night in a location not licensed as a placement for foster youth.

Subsection (c) requires the department of children and families, after receiving a notice under subsection (b), to notify the governor and each member of the legislature. If a foster care management contractor does not notify the department of children and families as required by this section, subsection (d) authorizes the department to assess a fine of \$500 per day.

Senate Bill 85 was amended in committee. The committee changed references to a contractor's facility to "a location not licensed as a placement for foster youth." The committee also amended (b)(4) to submit an annual report to the legislature on data and trends reported under the new section and outline department efforts to improve outcomes for children.