KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

2009 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

These legislative proposals are required for three of the SRS FY 2010 budget reductions:

SB 109 – Funds the Grandparents as Caregivers Program with federal TANF funds instead of SGF. (\$1.17 million SGF savings)

SB 94 / HB 2211 – No removal into SRS custody for youth 16 and older for non-abuse/neglect reasons. Only youth age 16 or older who have been maltreated will be placed in the custody of the Secretary. Youth over the age of 16 with circumstances such as out-of-control behavior, truancy, or running away will remain at home with services to help improve family function.

(\$2.28 million SGF savings)

SB 92 / **HB 2210** – Secretary's custody ends at 18. Foster children will be released from custody when they turn 18 or finish high school. Independent Living Program benefits will be available to these youth. (\$1.53 million SGF savings)