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the concerns we had...I had raised in my county, especially regarding confidentiality for minors in the emergency protective custody. (LB) 622 places the provisions of emergency protective custody for juveniles under the juvenile code, and, therefore, under the county court. A juvenile believed to be mentally ill and dangerous, they may be placed in a safe environment. Currently, under Nebraska Revised Statute 43-2108.2, the medical, psychological, psychiatric, and social welfare reports and the records of juveniles are not open for inspection without order of the court. However, in cases filed under all sections of 43-247, court calendar information and specific docket information, including pleadings, orders, decrees, and judgements are open to the public for inspection. Unless new language is inserted and adopted to prohibit this, anyone would be able to look up this information, and I believe a juvenile deserves the same level of protection that an adult has, and AM2407 ensures that this level of confidentiality is provided to them when they are taken into custody. I have addressed these concerns with Senator Wesely and Mr. Leuenberger, from the Department of Health and Human Services, and they have been very helpful and they're supportive of this amendment, and so I request your support in advancing this measure. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, on the Peterson amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Peterson is right. I have discussed this with Policy Secretary Leuenberger. This is a very good amendment, and I think that we should adopt it. I want to thank, Senator Peterson has worked hard on the amendment, and on the issue to try to reflect the concerns of her district, and this is a very reasonable proposal that will clarify a problem, and I'd ask your support for the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Peterson, to close. Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of AM2407. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Peterson's amendment.