

SENATE BILL No. 514

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to endangering a child; amending K.S.A. 21-3608 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-3608 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-3608. (a) Endangering a child is intentionally and unreasonably causing or permitting a child under the age of 18 years to be placed in a situation in which the child's life, body or health may be injured or endangered.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean a child is endangered for the sole reason the child's parent or guardian, in good faith, selects and depends upon spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination, for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of such child.

(c) Endangering a child is a ~~class A severity level 8, person misdemeanor~~ *felony*.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-3608 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.