

HOUSE BILL No. 2016

AN ACT concerning the Kansas juvenile justice code; relating to juvenile corrections officers; training and powers and duties thereof; amending K.S.A. 38-1602 and 74-5602 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 38-1602 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-1602. As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “Juvenile” means a person 10 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age.

(b) “Juvenile offender” means a person who commits an offense while a juvenile which if committed by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor as defined by K.S.A. 21-3105, and amendments thereto, or who violates the provisions of K.S.A. 21-4204a or K.S.A. 41-727 or subsection (j) of K.S.A. 74-8810, and amendments thereto, but does not include:

(1) A person 14 or more years of age who commits a traffic offense, as defined in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-2117, and amendments thereto;

(2) a person 16 years of age or over who commits an offense defined in chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;

(3) a person under 18 years of age who previously has been:

(A) Convicted as an adult under the Kansas code of criminal procedure;

(B) sentenced as an adult under the Kansas code of criminal procedure following termination of status as an extended jurisdiction juvenile pursuant to K.S.A. 38-16,126, and amendments thereto; or

(C) convicted or sentenced as an adult in another state or foreign jurisdiction under substantially similar procedures described in K.S.A. 38-1636, and amendments thereto, or because of attaining the age of majority designated in that state or jurisdiction.

(c) “Parent,” when used in relation to a juvenile or a juvenile offender, includes a guardian, conservator and every person who is by law liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile.

(d) “Law enforcement officer” means any person who by virtue of that person’s office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for crimes, whether that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes.

(e) “Youth residential facility” means any home, foster home or structure which provides twenty-four-hour-a-day care for juveniles and which is licensed pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(f) “Juvenile detention facility” means any secure public or private facility which is used for the lawful custody of accused or adjudicated juvenile offenders and which shall not be a jail.

(g) “Juvenile correctional facility” means a facility operated by the commissioner for juvenile offenders.

(h) “Warrant” means a written order by a judge of the court directed to any law enforcement officer commanding the officer to take into custody the juvenile named or described therein.

(i) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of juvenile justice.

(j) “Jail” means:

(1) An adult jail or lockup; or

(2) a facility in the same building as an adult jail or lockup, unless the facility meets all applicable licensure requirements under law and there is (A) total separation of the juvenile and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the respective facilities; (B) total separation in all juvenile and adult program activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping, and general living activities; and (C) separate juvenile and adult staff, including management, security staff and direct care staff such as recreational, educational and counseling.

(k) “Court-appointed special advocate” means a responsible adult, other than an attorney appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1606 and amendments thereto, who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child, as provided in K.S.A. 38-1606a, and amendments thereto, in a proceeding pursuant to this code.

(l) “Juvenile intake and assessment worker” means a responsible adult authorized to perform intake and assessment services as part of the

intake and assessment system established pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and amendments thereto.

(m) “Institution” means the following institutions: The Atchison juvenile correctional facility, the Beloit juvenile correctional facility, the Larned juvenile correctional facility and the Topeka juvenile correctional facility.

(n) “Sanctions house” means a facility which is operated or structured so as to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are under the exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the person being detained has freedom of movement within the perimeters of the facility, or which relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint in order to control the behavior of its residents. Upon an order from the court, a licensed juvenile detention facility may serve as a sanctions house.

(o) “Sentencing risk assessment tool” means an instrument administered to juvenile offenders which delivers a score, or group of scores, describing, but not limited to describing, the juvenile’s potential risk to the community.

(p) “Educational institution” means all schools at the elementary and secondary levels.

(q) “Educator” means any administrator, teacher or other professional or paraprofessional employee of an educational institution who has exposure to a pupil specified in subsection (a)(1) through (5) of K.S.A. 72-89b03, and amendments thereto.

(r) *“Juvenile corrections officer” means a certified employee of the juvenile justice authority working at a juvenile correctional facility assigned by the commissioner with responsibility for maintaining custody, security and control of juveniles in the custody of the commissioner at a juvenile correctional facility.*

(s) *“Investigator” means an employee of the juvenile justice authority assigned by the commissioner with the responsibility for investigations concerning employees at the juvenile correctional facilities and juveniles in the custody of the commissioner at a juvenile correctional facility.*

New Sec. 2. (a) The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations establishing standards of training and provisions for certifying juvenile corrections officers as defined in K.S.A. 38-1602, and amendments thereto.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), no person shall receive a permanent appointment as a juvenile corrections officer unless awarded a certificate by the commissioner which attests to satisfactory completion of a basic course of instruction. Such course of instruction shall be approved by the commissioner and shall consist of not less than 160 hours of instruction. The certificate shall be effective during the term of a person’s employment, except that any person who has terminated employment with the commissioner for a period exceeding one year shall be required to be certified again.

(c) The commissioner may award a certificate which attests to the satisfactory completion of a basic course of instruction to any person who has been duly certified under the laws of another state or territory if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the requirements for certification in the other jurisdiction are equal to or exceed the requirements for certification in this state. The commissioner may waive any number of hours or courses required to complete the basic course of instruction for any person who, in the opinion of the commissioner, has received sufficient training or experience that such hours of instruction would be unduly burdensome or duplicious.

(d) Every juvenile corrections officer shall receive not less than 40 hours of in-service training annually.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas juvenile justice code.

New Sec. 3. (a) The superintendent of any juvenile correctional facility operated by the commissioner, all persons on the staff of the juvenile justice authority who are in the chain of command from the commissioner of juvenile justice to the juvenile corrections officer and every juvenile corrections officer, regardless of rank and every investigator, while acting within the scope of their duties as employees of the juvenile justice authority, shall possess such powers and duties of a law enforcement officer

as are necessary for performing such duties for the purpose of regaining or maintaining custody, security and control of any person in the custody of the commissioner and may exercise such powers and duties anywhere within the state of Kansas. Such powers and duties may be exercised outside the state of Kansas for the purpose of maintaining custody, security and control of any person in the custody of the commissioner being transported or escorted by anyone authorized to so act. Such employees of the juvenile justice authority shall be responsible to and shall be at all times under the supervision and control of the commissioner of juvenile justice or the commissioner's designee.

(b) The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas juvenile justice code.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-5602 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5602. As used in the Kansas law enforcement training act:

(a) "Training center" means the law enforcement training center within the division of continuing education of the university of Kansas, created by K.S.A. 74-5603 and amendments thereto.

(b) "Commission" means the Kansas law enforcement training commission, created by K.S.A. 74-5606 and amendments thereto.

(c) "Dean" means the dean of the division of continuing education of the university of Kansas.

(d) "Director," as created in K.S.A. 74-5603 and amendments thereto, means the director of police training at the law enforcement training center.

(e) "Police officer" or "law enforcement officer" means a full-time or part-time salaried officer or employee of the state, a county or a city, whose duties include the prevention or detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws of this state or of any municipality thereof. Such terms shall include, but not be limited to, the sheriff, undersheriff and full-time or part-time salaried deputies in the sheriff's office in each county; deputy sheriffs deputized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2858 and amendments thereto; conservation officers of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks; campus police officers at all state educational institutions or a municipal university; law enforcement agents of the director of alcoholic beverage control; law enforcement agents of the Kansas lottery; law enforcement agents of the Kansas racing commission; deputies and assistants of the state fire marshal having law enforcement authority; capitol area security guards, existing under the authority of K.S.A. 75-4503 and amendments thereto. Such terms shall also include railroad policemen appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 66-524 and amendments thereto; and school security officers designated as school law enforcement officers pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8222 and amendments thereto. Such terms shall not include any elected official, other than a sheriff, serving in the capacity of a law enforcement or police officer solely by virtue of such official's elected position; any attorney-at-law having responsibility for law enforcement and discharging such responsibility solely in the capacity of an attorney; any employee of *the commissioner of juvenile justice*, the secretary of corrections or the secretary of social and rehabilitation services; any deputy conservation officer of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks; or any employee of a city or county who is employed solely to perform correctional duties related to jail inmates and the administration and operation of a jail; or any full-time or part-time salaried officer or employee whose duties include the issuance of a citation or notice to appear provided such officer or employee is not vested by law with the authority to make an arrest for violation of the laws of this state or any municipality thereof, and is not authorized to carry firearms when discharging the duties of such person's office or employment. Such term shall include any officer appointed or elected on a provisional basis.

(f) "Full-time" means employment requiring at least 1,000 hours of work per year.

(g) "Part-time" means employment on a regular schedule or employment which requires a minimum number of hours each payroll period, but in any case requiring less than 1,000 hours of work per year.

(h) "Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" means a violation of domestic battery as provided by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 21-3412a and amendments thereto, or any other misdemeanor under federal, municipal or state law that has as an element the use or attempted use of physical

force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim.

(i) "Auxiliary personnel" means members of organized nonsalaried groups which operate as an adjunct to a police or sheriff's department, including reserve officers, posses and search and rescue groups.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 38-1602 and 74-5602 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

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President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.