

## HOUSE BILL No. 2311

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning the juvenile justice authority; relating to employees thereof; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-7055 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-7055 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7055. (a) All juvenile corrections officers and those employees within the juvenile corrections officer series first employed on and after July 1, 2000, shall be required to be at least 21 years of age, shall possess no felony convictions, and shall meet such physical agility requirements as set by the commissioner.

(b) *On and after July 1, 2003, the appointing authority, in such person's discretion may hire a juvenile corrections officer or employee within the juvenile corrections officer series who does not meet the age requirement set forth in subsection (a) but who is at least 18 years of age, is hired to work no more than part-time and is enrolled in at least 6 hours or credits in an accredited post-secondary institution as a student in a criminal justice, human services or other related field as determined by the appointing authority. Such employee shall only be employed in open units in minimum or medium security facilities and shall not be employed in a maximum security facility or closed unit in a minimum or medium security facility.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-7055 is hereby repealed.

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