

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2004

HOUSE BILL No. 2676

By Representatives F. Miller, Burroughs, Dahl, Faber, Goico, Howell, Huebert, Huy, Kauffman, Long-Mast, McCreary, Merrick, Judy Morrison, Siegfried and D. Williams

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12 AN ACT concerning children in need of care; relating to the confiden-
13 tiality of proceedings; amending K.S.A. 38-1552 and repealing the ex-
14 isting section.

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

17 Section 1. K.S.A. 38-1552 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-
18 1552. The court may exclude from any hearing all persons except the
19 guardian *ad litem*, interested parties and their attorneys, officers of the
20 court and the witness testifying. Upon agreement of all interested parties,
21 the court shall allow other persons to attend the proceedings, unless the
22 court finds the presence of the persons would be disruptive to the pro-
23 ceedings. ~~Upon the request of a parent or guardian, the court shall allow~~
24 ~~members of the senate and house of representatives and clergy to attend~~
25 ~~the proceedings as observers.~~ **Upon the request of a parent, guardian,**
26 **child or guardian ad litem, the court shall allow an individual, a**
27 **member of the senate, a member of the house of representatives**
28 **and a member of the clergy to attend the proceedings as observers,**
29 **unless the court finds the presence of the persons would be dis-**
30 **ruptive to the proceedings. If the request is denied, the court, on**
31 **the record, shall state the reasons for denying the request.**

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-1552 is hereby repealed.

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