

CHAPTER 44
HOUSE BILL No. 2611

AN ACT amending the child passenger safety act; relating to the disposition of certain fines; amending K.S.A. 8-1344 and 8-1345 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-350 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1344. (a) Every driver as defined in K.S.A. 8-1416, and amendments thereto, who transports a child under the age of 14 years in a passenger car as defined in K.S.A. 8-1343a, and amendments thereto, on a highway as defined in K.S.A. 8-1424, and amendments thereto, shall provide for the protection of such child by properly using:

~~(a)~~ (1) For a child under the age of four years ~~an appropriate~~ child passenger safety restraining system that meets or exceeds the standards and specifications contained in federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 213 ~~in effect on July 1, 1997; or~~

(2) *for a child four years of age, but under the age of eight years and who weighs less than 80 pounds or is less than 4 feet 9 inches in height, an appropriate child passenger safety restraining system that meets or exceeds the standards and specifications contained in federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 213; or*

~~(b)~~ (3) for a child ~~four~~ eight years of age but under the age of 14 years or who weighs more than 80 pounds or is more than 4 feet 9 inches in height, a safety belt manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 208, ~~except that if the number of children subject to this requirement exceeds the number of passenger securing locations available for use by children affected by this requirement, and all of those securing locations are in use by children, then there is not a violation of this section.~~

(b) *If the number of children subject to the requirements of subsection (a) exceeds the number of passenger securing locations available for use by children affected by such requirements, and all of these securing locations are in use by children, then there is not a violation of this section.*

(c) *If a securing location only has a lap safety belt available, the provisions of subsection (a)(2) shall not apply and the child shall be secured in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(3).*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1345 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1345. (a) It shall be unlawful for any driver to violate the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1344, and amendments thereto, and upon conviction such driver shall be punished by a fine of ~~\$20~~ \$60. *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of each such fine received from clerks of the district court, the state treasurer shall credit \$40 to the children's advocacy center fund established pursuant to K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-370, and amendments thereto.* The failure to provide a child safety restraining system or safety belt for more than one child in the same passenger car at the same time shall be treated as a single violation. Any conviction under the provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

(b) ~~Ten dollars of~~ The \$60 fine provided for in subsection (a) ~~and court costs assessed under K.S.A. 28-172a, and amendments thereto,~~ shall be waived if the driver convicted of violating subsection ~~(a)~~ (a)(1) or (a)(2) of K.S.A. 8-1344, and amendments thereto, provides proof to the court that such driver has purchased or acquired ~~an~~ *the appropriate and approved* child passenger safety restraining system. *At the time of issuing the citation for a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) of K.S.A. 8-1344, and amendments thereto, the law enforcement officer shall notify the driver of the waiver provisions of this subsection.*

(c) No driver charged with violating the provisions of this act shall be convicted if such driver produces in the office of the arresting officer or in court proof that the child was 14 years of age or older at the time the violation was alleged to have occurred.

(d) Evidence of failure to secure a child in a child passenger safety restraining system or a safety belt under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1344, and amendments thereto, shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

(e) *From and after the effective date of this act, and prior to July 1, 2007, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 8-1344, and amendments thereto.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-350 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-350. (a) Except for fines and penalties authorized to be paid to counties pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101e, and amendments thereto, and subsection (b), and amendments thereto, all moneys received by the clerk of the district court from the payment of fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund, except as provided in K.S.A. 74-7336, and amendments thereto, *or K.S.A. 8-1345, and amendments thereto.*

(b) Except as provided by K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-368, and amendments thereto, all moneys received by the clerk of the district court from the payment of bail forfeitures shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit equal portions of such remittance to the indigents' defense services fund and the state general fund.

(c) The chief judge may invest any moneys on deposit in the district court account if the moneys are not immediately required for the purposes for which they were collected or received. Such moneys may be invested in: (1) Time deposits, open account or certificates of deposit, for periods not to exceed six months, or savings deposits, in commercial banks located in the county, except that amounts invested which are not insured by the United States government shall be secured in the manner and amounts provided by K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto; (2) United States treasury bills or notes with maturities not to exceed six months; or (3) savings and loan associations located in the county. No investment of more than the amount insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation shall be made in any one savings and loan association. Interest received from the investment of moneys pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

(d) Upon application of a party to an action in which such party claims ownership of moneys held by the district court, the chief judge may invest such moneys in the same manner as provided by subsection (c). Interest received from the investment of moneys pursuant to this subsection shall become the property of the person found to be the owner of the moneys.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1344 and 8-1345 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-350 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved March 27, 2006.
