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HOUSE BILL No. 2325

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Requested by Representative Lewis

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1 AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the revised Kansas 2 juvenile justice code; authorizing judges to commit juvenile offenders 3 to detention for technical violations of probation; increasing the 4 cumulative detention limit for juvenile offenders and criminal penalties 5 for juvenile offenders who use a firearm in the commission of an offense or who are repeat offenders; amending K.S.A. 38-2361, 38-6 7 2369 and 75-7023 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 38-2391 and 38-2392 and 8 repealing the existing sections.

9Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

11 Section 1. K.S.A. 38-2361 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-12 2361. (a) Upon adjudication as a juvenile offender pursuant to K.S.A. 38-13 2356, and amendments thereto, modification of sentence pursuant to 14 K.S.A. 38-2367, and amendments thereto, or violation of a condition of 15 sentence pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2368, and amendments thereto, the court 16 may impose one or more of the following sentencing alternatives for a 17 fixed period pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2369 and 38-2391, and amendments 18 thereto

19 (1) Place the juvenile on probation for a fixed period pursuant to 20 K.S.A. 38-2391, and amendments thereto, subject to terms and conditions 21 the court deems appropriate consistent with juvenile justice programs in 22 the community. Any juvenile placed on probation shall be supervised 23 according to the juvenile's risk and needs as determined by a risk and 24 needs assessment. Placement of juvenile offenders to community 25 corrections for probation supervision shall be limited to offenders 26 adjudicated for an offense that are determined to be moderate-risk, high-27 risk or very high-risk on a risk and needs assessment using the cutoff 28 scores established by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2360, and 29 amendments thereto.

30 (2) Order the juvenile to participate in a community based program 31 available in such judicial district subject to the terms and conditions the 32 court deems appropriate. This alternative shall not be ordered with the 33 alternative in paragraph-(11) (10). Requirements pertaining to child 34 support may apply if custody is vested with other than a parent.

35 (3) Place the juvenile in the custody of a parent or other suitable

1 person, which is not a group home or other facility licensed pursuant to

2 article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments 3 thereto, subject to terms and conditions consistent with juvenile justice 4 programs in the community. This alternative shall not be ordered with the 5 alternative in paragraph—(11) (10). Requirements pertaining to child 6 support may apply if custody is vested with other than a parent.

7 (4) Order the juvenile to attend counseling, educational, mediation or 8 other sessions, or to undergo a drug evaluation pursuant to subsection (b).

9 (5) Suspend or restrict the juvenile's driver's license or privilege to 10 operate a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this state pursuant 11 to subsection (c).

12 (6) Order the juvenile to perform charitable or community service13 work.

14 (7) Order the juvenile to make appropriate reparation or restitution 15 pursuant to subsection (d).

16 (8) Order the juvenile to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 pursuant to17 subsection (e).

(9) Place the juvenile under a house arrest program administered bythe court pursuant to K.S.A. 21-6609, and amendments thereto.

(10) Place the juvenile in the custody of the secretary of corrections 20 21 as provided in K.S.A. 38-2365, and amendments thereto. This alternative 22 shall not be ordered with the alternative in paragraph (3) or (12). Except 23 for mandatory drug and alcohol evaluation, when this alternative isordered with alternatives in paragraphs (2), (4) and (9), such orders shall 24 constitute a recommendation by the court. Requirements pertaining to-25 26 child support shall apply under this alternative. The provisions of this 27 paragraph shall expire on January 1, 2018.

(11) Upon a violation of a condition of sentence, other than a
 technical violation pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2368, and amendments thereto,
 commit the juvenile to detention for a period no longer than 30 days
 subject to the provisions of subsection (g).

(12)(11) If the judge finds and enters into the written record that the 32 33 juvenile poses a significant risk of harm to another or damage to property, 34 and the juvenile is otherwise eligible for commitment pursuant to K.S.A. 35 38-2369, and amendments thereto, commit the juvenile directly to the 36 custody of the secretary of corrections for placement in a juvenile 37 correctional facility or a youth residential facility. Placement in a youth 38 residential facility shall only be permitted as authorized in K.S.A. 38-39 2369(e), and amendments thereto. If the court elects, a period of conditional release pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2369, and amendments thereto, 40 may also be ordered. The period of conditional release shall be limited to a 41 maximum of six months and shall be subject to graduated responses. 42 43 Twenty-one days prior to the juvenile's release from a juvenile correctional

1 facility, the secretary of corrections or designee shall notify the court of the

2 juvenile's anticipated release date. This alternative may be ordered with the
3 alternative in paragraph (7). Requirements pertaining to child support shall
4 apply under this alternative.

5 (13)(12) Upon a finding by the trier of fact during adjudication that a 6 firearm was *possessed* or used-in *during* the commission of an offense by 7 the accused which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony, a 8 judge may commit the juvenile directly to the custody of the secretary of 9 corrections for placement in a juvenile correctional facility or youth residential facility for a minimum term of-six 12 months and up to a 10 maximum term of 18 36 months, regardless of the risk level of such 11 12 juvenile as determined by a risk and needs assessment. If the juvenile is 13 committed to the custody of the secretary, and the court elects, a period of conditional release, pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2369, and amendments thereto, 14 15 may also be ordered. The period of conditional release shall be limited to a 16 maximum of six months and shall be subject to graduated responses. 17 Twenty-one days prior to the juvenile's release from a juvenile correctional 18 facility or youth residential facility, the secretary of corrections or the 19 secretary's designee shall notify the court of the juvenile's anticipated 20 release date.

(b) If the court orders the juvenile to attend counseling, educational,
 mediation or other sessions, or to undergo a drug and alcohol evaluation
 pursuant to subsection (a)(4), the following provisions apply:

24 (1) The court may order the juvenile offender to participate in 25 counseling or mediation sessions or a program of education, including placement in an alternative educational program approved by a local 26 27 school board. The costs of any counseling or mediation may be assessed as 28 expenses in the case. No mental health center shall charge a fee for court-29 ordered counseling greater than what the center would have charged the 30 person receiving the counseling if the person had requested counseling on 31 the person's own initiative. No mediator shall charge a fee for courtordered mediation greater than what the mediator would have charged the 32 33 person participating in the mediation if the person had requested mediation 34 on the person's own initiative. Mediation may include the victim but shall 35 not be mandatory for the victim; and

36 (2) if the juvenile has been adjudicated to be a juvenile by reason of a 37 violation of a statute that makes such a requirement, the court shall order 38 and, if adjudicated for any other offense, the court may order the juvenile 39 to submit to and complete a drug and alcohol evaluation by a community-40 based drug and alcohol safety action program certified pursuant to K.S.A. 41 8-1008, and amendments thereto, and to pay a fee not to exceed the fee 42 established by that statute for such evaluation. The court may waive the 43 mandatory evaluation if the court finds that the juvenile completed a drug

1 and alcohol evaluation, approved by the community-based alcohol and 2 drug safety action program, within 12 months before sentencing. If the 3 evaluation occurred more than 12 months before sentencing, the court 4 shall order the juvenile to resubmit to and complete the evaluation and program as provided herein. If the court finds that the juvenile and those 5 6 legally liable for the juvenile's support are indigent, the court may waive 7 the fee. In no event shall the fee be assessed against the secretary of 8 corrections or the department of corrections nor shall the fee be assessed 9 against the secretary of the department for children and families or the 10 Kansas department for children and families if the juvenile is in the 11 secretary's care, custody and control.

12 (c) If the court orders suspension or restriction of a juvenile offender's 13 driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the streets and 14 highways of this state pursuant to subsection (a)(5), the following 15 provisions apply:

16 (1) The duration of the suspension ordered by the court shall be for a 17 definite time period to be determined by the court. Upon suspension of a 18 license pursuant to this subsection, the court shall require the juvenile 19 offender to surrender the license to the court. The court shall transmit the 20 license to the division of motor vehicles of the department of revenue, to 21 be retained until the period of suspension expires. At that time, the licensee 22 may apply to the division for return of the license. If the license has 23 expired, the juvenile offender may apply for a new license, which shall be 24 issued promptly upon payment of the proper fee and satisfaction of other 25 conditions established by law for obtaining a license unless another suspension or revocation of the juvenile offender's privilege to operate a 26 27 motor vehicle is in effect. As used in this subsection, "highway" and 28 "street" have the meanings provided by mean the same as defined in 29 K.S.A. 8-1424 and 8-1473, and amendments thereto. Any juvenile 30 offender who does not have a driver's license may have driving privileges 31 revoked. No Kansas driver's license shall be issued to a juvenile offender 32 whose driving privileges have been revoked pursuant to this section for a 33 definite time period to be determined by the court; and

34 (2) in lieu of suspending a juvenile offender's driver's license or 35 privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state, the court 36 may enter an order which places conditions on the juvenile offender's 37 privilege of operating a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this 38 state, a certified copy of which the juvenile offender shall be required to 39 carry any time the juvenile offender is operating a motor vehicle on the 40 streets and highways of this state. The order shall prescribe a definite time period for the conditions imposed. Upon entering an order restricting a 41 juvenile offender's license, the court shall require the juvenile offender to 42 43 surrender such juvenile offender's license to the court. The court shall

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transmit the license to the division of vehicles, together with a copy of the 1 2 order. Upon receipt thereof, the division of vehicles shall issue without 3 charge a driver's license which shall indicate on its face that conditions 4 have been imposed on the juvenile offender's privilege of operating a 5 motor vehicle and that a certified copy of the order imposing the 6 conditions is required to be carried by the juvenile offender when 7 operating a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this state. If the 8 juvenile offender is a nonresident, the court shall cause a copy of the order 9 to be transmitted to the division and the division shall forward a copy of it 10 to the motor vehicle administrator of the juvenile offender's state of issuance. The court shall furnish to any juvenile offender whose driver's 11 12 license has had conditions imposed on it under this section a copy of the 13 order, which shall be recognized as a valid Kansas driver's license until the 14 division issues the restricted license provided for in this subsection. Upon 15 expiration of the period of time for which conditions are imposed pursuant 16 to this subsection, the juvenile offender may apply to the division for the 17 return of the license previously surrendered by the juvenile offender. In the event the license has expired, the juvenile offender may apply to the 18 19 division for a new license, which shall be issued immediately by the 20 division upon payment of the proper fee and satisfaction of the other 21 conditions established by law unless such juvenile offender's privilege to 22 operate a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this state has been 23 suspended or revoked prior thereto. If any juvenile offender violates any of 24 the conditions imposed under this subsection, the juvenile offender's 25 driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the streets and 26 highways of this state shall be revoked for a period as determined by the 27 court in which the juvenile offender is convicted of violating such 28 conditions.

29 (d) The following provisions apply to the court's determination of 30 whether to order reparation or restitution pursuant to subsection (a)(7):

31 (1) The court shall order the juvenile to make reparation or restitution 32 to the aggrieved party for the damage or loss caused by the juvenile 33 offender's offense unless it finds compelling circumstances that would 34 render a plan of reparation or restitution unworkable. If the court finds 35 compelling circumstances that would render a plan of reparation or 36 restitution unworkable, the court shall enter such findings with 37 particularity on the record. In lieu of reparation or restitution, the court 38 may order the juvenile to perform charitable or social service for 39 organizations performing services for the community; and

(2) restitution may include, but shall not be limited to, the amount of
damage or loss caused by the juvenile's offense. Restitution may be made
by payment of an amount fixed by the court or by working for the parties
sustaining loss in the manner ordered by the court. An order of monetary

1 restitution shall be a judgment against the juvenile that may be collected

by the court by garnishment or other execution as on judgments in civil
cases. Such judgment shall not be affected by the termination of the court's
jurisdiction over the juvenile offender.

5 (e) If the court imposes a fine pursuant to subsection (a)(8), the 6 following provisions apply:

7 (1) The amount of the fine may not exceed \$1,000 for each offense.
8 The amount of the fine should be related to the seriousness of the offense
9 and the juvenile's ability to pay. Payment of a fine may be required in a
10 lump sum or installments;

11 (2) in determining whether to impose a fine and the amount to be 12 imposed, the court shall consider that imposition of a fine is most 13 appropriate in cases where the juvenile has derived pecuniary gain from 14 the offense and that imposition of a restitution order is preferable to 15 imposition of a fine; and

16 (3) any fine imposed by *the* court shall be a judgment against the 17 juvenile that may be collected by the court by garnishment or other 18 execution as on judgments in civil cases. Such judgment shall not be 19 affected by the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the juvenile.

(f) Before the court sentences a juvenile offender pursuant to subsection (a), the court shall administer a risk assessment tool, as described in K.S.A. 38-2360, and amendments thereto, or review a risk assessment tool that was administered within the past six months to the juvenile and use the results of that assessment to inform orders made pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2369 and 38-2391, and amendments thereto.

26 (g) If the court commits the juvenile to detention pursuant to 27 subsection (a)(11), the following provisions shall apply:

(1) The court shall only order commitment to detention upon
 violation of sentencing conditions where all other alternatives have been
 exhausted.

(2) In order to commit a juvenile to detention upon violation of
sentencing conditions, the court shall find that the juvenile poses a
significant risk of harm to another or damage to property, is charged with a
new felony offense, or violates conditional release.

(3) The court shall not order commitment to detention upon
adjudication as a juvenile offender pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2356, and
amendments thereto, for solely technical violations of probation, contempt,
a violation of a valid court order, to protect from self-harm or due to any
state or county failure to find adequate alternatives.

40 (4) Cumulative detention use shall be limited to a maximum of 45 90 41 days over the course of a juvenile offender's case pursuant to K.S.A. 38-42 2391, and amendments thereto. The court shall review any detention 43 commitment every seven days and may shorten the initial commitment or extend the commitment. In no case, however, may the term of detention or
 any extension thereof exceed the cumulative detention limit of 45 90 days
 or the overall case length limit.

4 (5) A juvenile over 18 years of age and less than 23 years of age at 5 sentencing shall be committed to a county jail, in lieu of a juvenile 6 detention center, under the same time restrictions imposed by paragraph 7 (1), but shall not be committed to or confined in a juvenile detention 8 facility.

9 (h) Any order issued by the judge pursuant to this section shall be in 10 effect immediately upon entry into the court's minutes.

(i) In addition to the requirements of K.S.A. 38-2373, and
amendments thereto, if a person is under 18 years of age and convicted of
a felony or adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense if committed
by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony, the court shall
forward a signed copy of the journal entry to the secretary of corrections
within 30 days of final disposition.

(j) (1) Except as further provided, if a juvenile has been adjudged to
be a juvenile offender for an offense which, if committed by an adult
would constitute the commission of:

20 (1)(A) Aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-21 5426(b), and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of age; 22 (2)(B) rape, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5503(a)(3), and amendments 23 thereto:

(3)(C) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 25 21-5506(b)(3), and amendments thereto;

 $\begin{array}{ll} 26 & (4)(D) & \text{aggravated criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5504(b)} \\ 27 & (1) \text{ or } (b)(2), \text{ and amendments thereto;} \end{array}$

28 (5)(E) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 29 21-6422, and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of 30 age;

31 (6)(F) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5510(a) 32 (1) or (a)(4), and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of 33 age; or

34 (7)(G) an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in 35 K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302 or 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of an 36 offense defined in paragraphs (1) through (6);

37 (2) The court shall issue an order prohibiting the juvenile from 38 attending the attendance center that the victim of the offense attends. If 39 only one attendance center exists, for which the victim and juvenile are 39 eligible to attend, in the school district where the victim and the juvenile 40 reside, the court shall hear testimony and take evidence from the victim, 41 the juvenile, their families and a representative of the school district as to 43 why the juvenile should or should not be allowed to remain at the attendance center attended by the victim. After such hearing, the court may
 issue an order prohibiting the juvenile from attending the attendance center
 that the victim of the offense attends.

4 (k) The court may order a short-term alternative placement of a 5 juvenile pursuant to subsection (a)(3) in an emergency shelter, therapeutic 6 foster home or community integration program if:

7 (1) Such juvenile has been adjudicated to be a juvenile offender for 8 an offense which, if committed by an adult would constitute the 9 commission of:

(A) Aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5426(b),
and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of age;

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(B) rape, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5503, and amendments thereto;

13 (C) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A.
14 21-6422, and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of
15 age;

16 (D) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5510(a)(1) 17 or (a)(4), and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of 18 age;

(E) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A.
21-5506, and amendments thereto, if the victim is less than 14 years of age; or

(F) an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation, as defined in
K.S.A. 21-5301, 21-5302 or 21-5303, and amendments thereto, of an
offense defined in paragraphs (1) through (4); and

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(2) (A) the victim resides in the same home as the juvenile offender;

(B) a community supervision officer in consultation with the
department for children and families determines that an adequate safety
plan, which shall include the physical and psychological well-being of the
victim, cannot be developed to keep the juvenile in the same home; and

30 (C) there are no relevant child in need of care issues that would 31 permit a case to be filed under the Kansas code for care of children.

32 The presumptive term of commitment shall not extend beyond the 33 overall case length limit but may be modified pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2367 34 and 38-2397, and amendments thereto. If a child is placed outside the 35 child's home at the dispositional hearing pursuant to this subsection and no 36 reintegration plan is made a part of the record of the hearing, a written 37 reintegration plan shall be prepared pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2397, and 38 amendments thereto, and submitted to the court within 15 days of the 39 initial order of the court.

(1) The sentencing hearing shall be open to the public as provided inK.S.A. 38-2353, and amendments thereto.

42 (m) The overall case length limit shall be calculated by the court and 43 entered into the written record when one or more of the sentencing options 1 under this section are imposed. The period fixed by the court pursuant to 2 subsection (a) shall not extend beyond the overall case length limit.

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-2369 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-4 2369. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) and K.S.A. 38-2361(a)(13), 5 and amendments thereto, for the purpose of committing juvenile offenders 6 to a juvenile correctional facility, upon a finding by the judge entered into 7 the written order that the juvenile poses a significant risk of harm to another or damage to property, the following placements shall be applied 8 9 by the judge in the cases specified in this subsection. If used, the court shall establish a specific term of commitment as specified in this 10 subsection. The term of commitment established by the court shall not 11 12 exceed the overall case length limit. Before a juvenile offender is 13 committed to a juvenile correctional facility pursuant to this section, the court shall administer a risk assessment tool, as described in K.S.A. 38-14 15 2360, and amendments thereto, or review a risk assessment tool that was 16 administered within the past six months to the juvenile.

17 (1) Violent Offenders. (A) The violent offender I is defined as an 18 offender adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense which, if 19 committed by an adult, would constitute an off-grid felony. Offenders in 20 this category may be committed to a juvenile correctional facility for a 21 minimum term of 60 months and up to a maximum term of the offender 22 reaching the age of 22 years, six months. The aftercare term for this 23 offender is set at a minimum term of six months and up to a maximum 24 term of the offender reaching the age of 23 years.

25 (B) The violent offender II is defined as an offender adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would 26 27 constitute a nondrug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony. Offenders in this 28 category may be committed to a juvenile correctional facility for a minimum term of 24 months and up to a maximum term of the offender 29 30 reaching the age of 22 years, six months. The aftercare term for this 31 offender is set at a minimum term of six months and up to a maximum 32 term of the offender reaching the age of 23 years.

33 (2) Serious Offenders. (A) The serious offender I is defined as an 34 offender adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense which, if 35 committed by an adult, would constitute a nondrug severity level 4, person 36 felony.

37 Offenders in this category may be committed to a juvenile correctional 38 facility for a minimum term of 18 months and up to a maximum term of 36 39 months. The aftercare term for this offender is set at a minimum term of 40 six months and up to a maximum term of 24 months.

41 (B) The serious offender II is defined as an offender adjudicated as a 42 juvenile offender for an offense: 43

(i) Committed prior to July 1, 2012, which, if committed by an adult

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prior to July 1, 2012, would constitute a drug severity level 1 or 2 felony;
 or

3 (ii) committed on or after July 1, 2012, which, if committed by an
adult on or after July 1, 2012, would constitute a drug severity level 1, 2 or
5 3 felony or a nondrug severity level 5 or 6 person felony.

6 Offenders in this category may be committed to a juvenile correctional 7 facility for a minimum term of nine months and up to a maximum term of 8 18 months.

9 (C) The serious offender III is defined as an offender adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would 10 constitute a nondrug severity level 7, 8, 9 or 10 person felony with one 11 prior felony adjudication. Offenders in this category may only be 12 committed to a juvenile correctional facility if such offenders are assessed 13 as high-risk on a risk and needs assessment. Offenders in this category 14 may be committed to a juvenile correctional facility for a minimum term 15 16 of six months and up to a maximum term of 12 months.

17 (3) *Chronic Offenders.* (A) The chronic offender I, chronic felon is 18 defined as an offender adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense:

(i) Which, if committed by an adult, would constitute one presentnonperson felony adjudication and two prior felony adjudications;

(ii) committed prior to July 1, 2012, which, if committed by an adult
prior to July 1, 2012, would constitute one present drug severity level 3
felony adjudication and two prior felony adjudications; or

(iii) committed on or after July 1, 2012, which, if committed by an
adult on or after July 1, 2012, would constitute one present drug severity
level 4 felony adjudication and two prior felony adjudications.

27 Offenders in this category may only be committed to a juvenile-28 correctional facility if such offenders are assessed as high-risk on a risk 29 and needs assessment. Offenders in this category may be committed to a 30 juvenile correctional facility for a minimum term of six months and up to a 31 maximum term of 12 months.

(b) *Conditional Release.* If the court elects, a period of conditional release may also be ordered pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2361, and amendments thereto. The period of conditional release shall be limited to a maximum of six months and shall be subject to graduated responses. The presumption upon release shall be a return to the juvenile's home, unless the case plan developed pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2373, and amendments thereto, recommends a different reentry plan.

(1) Upon finding the juvenile violated a requirement or requirements
 of conditional release, the court may enter one or more of the following
 orders:

42 (A) Recommend additional conditions be added to those of the 43 existing conditional release. 1 (B) Order the offender to serve a period of detention pursuant to 2 K.S.A. 38-2361(g), and amendments thereto.

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(C) Revoke or restrict the juvenile's driving privileges as described in 4 K.S.A. 38-2361(c), and amendments thereto.

5 (2) Discharge the offender from the custody of the secretary of 6 corrections, release the secretary of corrections from further 7 responsibilities in the case and enter any other appropriate orders.

8 (c) As used in this section "adjudication" includes out-of-state 9 juvenile adjudications. An out-of-state offense, which if committed by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor, shall 10 be classified as either a felony or a misdemeanor according to the 11 adjudicating jurisdiction. If an offense which if committed by an adult 12 13 would constitute the commission of a felony is a felony in another state, it will be deemed a felony in Kansas. The state of Kansas shall classify the 14 offense, which if committed by an adult would constitute the commission 15 16 of a felony or misdemeanor, as person or nonperson. In designating such 17 offense as person or nonperson, reference to comparable offenses shall be made. If the state of Kansas does not have a comparable offense, the out-18 19 of-state adjudication shall be classified as a nonperson offense.

(d) The secretary of corrections shall work with the community to 20 21 provide on-going support and incentives for the development of additional 22 evidence-based community practices and programs to ensure that the 23 juvenile correctional facility is not frequently utilized.

24 (e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that all offenders in the 25 chronic offender category and offenders at least 10 years of age but less than 14 years of age in the serious offender II or III category, shall be 26 placed in the custody of the secretary for placement in a youth residential 27 28 facility in lieu of placement in the juvenile correctional facility. This 29 presumption may be rebutted by a finding on the record that the juvenile offender poses a significant risk of physical harm to another. 30

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 38-2391 is hereby amended to read as 32 follows: 38-2391. (a) Upon adjudication as a juvenile offender pursuant to 33 K.S.A. 38-2356, and amendments thereto, modification of sentence 34 pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2367, and amendments thereto, or violation of a 35 condition of sentence pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2368, and amendments 36 thereto, the court may impose one or more of the sentencing alternatives 37 under K.S.A. 38-2361, and amendments thereto, for a period of time pursuant to this section and K.S.A. 38-2369, and amendments thereto. The 38 39 period of time ordered by the court shall not exceed the overall case length 40 limit.

41 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the overall case length limit 42 shall be calculated based on the adjudicated offense and the results of a 43 risk and needs assessment, as follows:

1 (1) Offenders adjudicated for a misdemeanor may remain under the 2 jurisdiction of the court for up to 12 months;

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(2) low-risk and moderate-risk offenders adjudicated for a felony may 4 remain under court jurisdiction for up to 15 months; and

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(3) high-risk offenders adjudicated for a felony may remain under court jurisdiction for up to 18 months.

7 (c) There shall be no overall case length limit for a juvenile 8 adjudicated for a felony which, if committed by an adult, would constitute an off-grid felony or a nondrug severity level 1 through 4 person felony. 9

(d) When a juvenile is adjudicated for multiple counts, the maximum 10 overall case length shall be calculated based on the most severe 11 12 adjudicated count or any other adjudicated count at the court's discretion. 13 The court shall not run multiple adjudicated counts consecutively.

(e) When the juvenile is adjudicated 14 for multiple cases simultaneously, the court shall run such cases concurrently. 15

16 Upon expiration of the overall case length limit as defined in (f) subsection (b), the court's jurisdiction terminates and shall not be 17 18 extended, except as provided in subsection (g)(2).

19 (g) (1) For the purposes of placing juvenile offenders on probation 20 pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2361, and amendments thereto, the court shall 21 establish a specific term of probation as specified in this subsection based 22 on the most serious adjudicated count in combination with the results of a 23 risk and needs assessment, as follows, except that the term of probation 24 shall not exceed the overall case length limit:

25 (A) Low-risk and moderate-risk offenders adjudicated for а misdemeanor and low-risk offenders adjudicated for a felony may be 26 27 placed on probation for a term up to six months;

28 (B) high-risk offenders adjudicated for a misdemeanor and moderate-29 risk offenders adjudicated for a felony may be placed on probation for a 30 term up to nine months; and

31 (C) high-risk offenders adjudicated for a felony may be placed on 32 probation for a term up to 12 months.

33 (2) The court may extend the term of probation if a juvenile needs 34 time to complete an evidence-based program as determined to be 35 necessary based on the results of a validated risk and needs assessment 36 and, if necessary, may extend the overall case length limit to allow for 37 completion of such program when failure to complete such program is due 38 to a repeated, intentional effort to delay by the juvenile as reported by the 39 evidence-based services provider. The court may also extend the term of 40 probation for good cause shown for one month for low-risk offenders, three months for moderate-risk offenders and six months for high-risk 41 offenders. Prior to extension of the initial probationary term, the court 42 43 shall find and enter into the written record the criteria permitting extension

1 of probation. Extensions of probation and the overall case length limit 2 shall only be granted incrementally. When the court extends the term of 3 probation for a juvenile offender, the court services officer or community 4 correctional services officer responsible for monitoring such juvenile 5 offender shall record the reason given for extending probation. Court 6 services officers shall report such records to the office of judicial 7 administration, and community correctional services officers shall report 8 such records to the department of corrections. The office of judicial 9 administration and the department of corrections shall report such recorded 10 data to the Kansas juvenile justice oversight committee on a quarterly 11 basis

12 (3) The probation term limits do not apply to those offenders adjudicated for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would 13 constitute an off-grid crime, rape as defined in K.S.A. 21-5503(a)(1), and 14 15 amendments thereto, aggravated criminal sodomy as defined in K.S.A. 21-16 5504(b)(3), and amendments thereto, or murder in the second degree as 17 defined in K.S.A. 21-5403, and amendments thereto. Such offenders may be placed on probation for a term consistent with the overall case length 18 19 limit.

(4) The probation term limits and overall case length limits provided
in this section shall be tolled during any time that the offender has
absconded from supervision while on probation, and the time on such
limits shall not start to run again until the offender is located and brought
back to the jurisdiction.

25 (h) For the purpose of placing juvenile offenders in detention pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2361 and 38-2369, and amendments thereto, the 26 27 court shall establish a specific term of detention. The term of detention 28 shall not exceed the overall case length limit or the cumulative detention 29 limit. Cumulative detention use shall be limited to a maximum of 459030 days over the course of the juvenile offender's case, except that there shall 31 be no limit on cumulative detention for juvenile offenders adjudicated for 32 a felony which, if committed by an adult, would constitute an off-grid 33 felony or a nondrug severity level 1 through 4 person felony.

(i) The provisions of this section shall apply upon disposition or 15
days after adjudication, whichever is sooner, unless the juvenile fails to
appear for such juvenile's dispositional hearing. If a juvenile fails to appear
at such juvenile's dispositional hearing, the probation term limits and
overall case length limits provided in this section shall not apply until the
juvenile is brought before the court for disposition in such juvenile's case.

40 (j) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the revised 41 Kansas juvenile justice code.

42 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 38-2392 is hereby amended to read as 43 follows: 38-2392. (a) The department of corrections shall, in consultation

with the supreme court, adopt rules and regulations by January 1, 2017, for 1 2 a statewide system of structured community-based graduated responses for technical violations of probation, violations of conditional release and 3 4 violations of a condition of sentence by juveniles. Such graduated 5 responses shall be utilized by community supervision officers to provide a 6 continuum of community-based responses. These responses shall include 7 sanctions that are swift and certain to address violations based on the 8 severity of the violation as well as incentives that encourage positive 9 behaviors. Such responses shall take into account the juvenile's risks and needs. The court services officer or community correctional services 10 officer shall immediately notify the court and shall submit in writing a 11 12 report showing in what manner the juvenile has violated probation, 13 conditional release or a condition of sentence.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (4), when a juvenile is placed
on probation pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2361, and amendments thereto,
community supervision officers shall utilize graduated responses, targeted
to the juvenile's risks and needs based on the results of a risk and needs
assessment to address technical violations. A technical violation shall only
be considered by the court for revocation if:

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(A) It is a third or subsequent technical violation;

(B) prior failed responses are documented in the juvenile's case plan;and

(C) the community supervision officer has determined anddocumented that graduated responses to the violation will not suffice.

(2) Unless a juvenile poses a significant risk of physical harm to
another or damage to property, community supervision officers shall issue
a summons rather than request a warrant on a third or subsequent technical
violation subject to review by the court.

(3) Absconding from supervision shall not be considered a technical
violation of probation and, after reasonable efforts to locate a juvenile that
has absconded are unsuccessful, the court may issue a warrant for the
juvenile pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2342, and amendments thereto.

(4) When a juvenile is placed on probation pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2361, and amendments thereto, a judge may commit such juvenile to detention for a violation of probation, *including a technical violation*, and for contempt of court if the judge makes a finding that the juvenile is demonstrating escalating use of physical violence, aggression, weapons, damage to property or life-threatening substances. A juvenile may be committed to detention for a period not to exceed:

40 (A) 24 hours for a first violation;

41 (B) 48 hours for a second violation; and

- (C) 15 days for a third or subsequent violation.
- 43 (c) When a juvenile is placed on probation pursuant to K.S.A. 38-

1 2361, and amendments thereto, the community supervision officer 2 responsible for oversight of the juvenile shall develop a case plan in 3 consultation with the juvenile and the juvenile's family. The department for 4 children and families and local board of education may participate in the 5 development of the case plan when appropriate.

6 (1) Such case plan shall incorporate the results of the risk and needs 7 assessment, referrals to programs, documentation on violations and 8 graduated responses and shall clearly define the role of each person or 9 agency working with the juvenile.

(2) If the juvenile is later committed to the custody of the secretary,the case plan shall be shared with the juvenile correctional facility.

(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the revisedKansas juvenile justice code.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 75-7023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-14 7023. (a) The secretary for children and families may contract with the 15 16 secretary of corrections to provide for the juvenile intake and assessment 17 system and programs for children in need of care. Except as provided 18 further, the secretary of corrections shall promulgate rules and regulations 19 for the juvenile intake and assessment system and programs concerning 20 juvenile offenders. If the secretary contracts with the office of judicial 21 administration to administer the juvenile intake and assessment system and 22 programs concerning juvenile offenders, the supreme court administrative 23 orders shall be in force until such contract ends and the rules and 24 regulations concerning juvenile intake and assessment system and 25 programs concerning juvenile offenders have been adopted.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, records, reports
and information obtained as a part of the juvenile intake and assessment
process shall not be admitted into evidence in any proceeding and shall not
be used in a child in need of care proceeding or a juvenile offender
proceeding.

31 (1) Such records, reports and information may be used in a child in 32 need of care proceeding for diagnostic and referral purposes and by the 33 court in considering dispositional alternatives. If the records, reports or 34 information are in regard to abuse or neglect, which is required to be 35 reported under K.S.A. 38-2223, and amendments thereto, such records, 36 reports or information may then be used for any purpose in a child in need 37 of care proceeding pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of 38 children

39 (2) Such records, reports and information may be used in a juvenile 40 offender proceeding only if such records, reports and information are in 41 regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway. Such records, reports and 42 information in regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway shall be 43 made available to the appropriate county or district attorney and the court, 1 and shall be used only for diagnostic and referral purposes.

(c) Upon a juvenile being taken into custody pursuant to K.S.A. 382330, and amendments thereto, a juvenile intake and assessment worker
shall complete the intake and assessment process, making release and
referral determinations as required by supreme court administrative order
or district court rule, or except as provided above [in] rules and regulations
established by the secretary of corrections.

8 (d) Except as provided in subsection (g) and in addition to any other 9 information required by the supreme court administrative order, the 10 secretary for children and families, the secretary of corrections or by the 11 district court of such district, the juvenile intake and assessment worker 12 shall collect the following information either in person or over two-way 13 audio or audio-visual communication:

(1) The results of a standardized detention risk assessment tool
pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2302, and amendments thereto, if detention is being
considered for the juvenile, such as the problem oriented screening
instrument for teens;

18 (2) criminal history, including indications of criminal gang19 involvement;

20 (3) abuse history;

21 (4) substance abuse history;

22 (5) history of prior community services used or treatments provided;

23 (6) educational history;

24 (7) medical history;

25 (8) family history; and

26 (9) the results of other assessment instruments as approved by the 27 secretary.

(e) After completion of the intake and assessment process for such
 child, the intake and assessment worker shall make both a release and a
 referral determination:

(1) Release the child to the custody of the child's parent, other legalguardian or another appropriate adult.

33 (2) Conditionally release the child to the child's parent, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult if the intake and assessment worker 34 believes that if the conditions are met, it would be in the child's best 35 36 interest to release the child to such child's parent, other legal guardian or 37 another appropriate adult; and the intake and assessment worker has 38 reason to believe that it might be harmful to the child to release the child to 39 such child's parents, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult without imposing the conditions. The conditions may include, but not be 40 41 limited to the alternatives listed in K.S.A. 38-2331(b), and amendments 42 thereto, and the following:

43 (A) Participation of the child in counseling;

participation of members of the child's family in counseling; (B)

2 (C) participation by the child, members of the child's family and other 3 relevant persons in mediation;

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(D) provision of outpatient treatment for the child;

5 (E) referral of the child and the child's family to the secretary for 6 children and families for services and the agreement of the child and 7 family to accept and participate in the services offered;

8 (F) referral of the child and the child's family to available community 9 resources or services and the agreement of the child and family to accept and participate in the services offered; 10

(G) requiring the child and members of the child's family to enter into 11 a behavioral contract which may provide for regular school attendance 12 13 among other requirements; or

(H) any special conditions necessary to protect the child from future 14 15 abuse or neglect.

16 (3) Deliver the child to a shelter facility or a licensed attendant care 17 center along with the law enforcement officer's written application for a 18 maximum stay of up to 72 hours. The shelter facility or licensed attendant 19 care facility shall then have custody as if the child had been directly 20 delivered to the facility by the law enforcement officer pursuant to K.S.A. 21 38-2232, and amendments thereto.

22 (4) The intake and assessment worker shall also refer the juvenile's 23 case to one of the following:

(A) An immediate intervention program pursuant to K.S.A. 38-24 25 2346(b), and amendments thereto;

(B) the county or district attorney for appropriate proceedings to be 26 filed, with or without a recommendation that the juvenile be considered for 27 28 alternative means of adjudication programs pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2389, 29 and amendments thereto, or immediate intervention pursuant to K.S.A. 38-30 2346, and amendments thereto; or

31 (C) refer the child and family to the secretary for children and 32 families for investigations in regard to the allegations.

(f) The secretary of corrections, in conjunction with the office of 33 judicial administration, shall develop, implement and validate on the 34 35 Kansas juvenile population, a statewide detention risk assessment tool.

36 (1) The assessment shall be conducted for each youth under 37 consideration for detention and may only be conducted by a juvenile 38 intake and assessment worker who has completed training to conduct the 39 detention risk assessment tool.

40 (2) The secretary and the office of judicial administration shall establish cutoff scores determining eligibility for placement in a juvenile 41 detention facility or for referral to a community-based alternative to 42 43 detention and shall collect and report data regarding the use of the

1 detention risk assessment tool.

2 (3) (A) The detention risk assessment tool includes an override 3 function that may be approved by the court for use under certain 4 circumstances. If approved by the court, the juvenile intake and 5 assessment worker or the court may override the detention risk assessment 6 tool score in order to direct placement in a short-term shelter facility, a 7 community-based alternative to detention or, subject to K.S.A. 38-2331, 8 and amendments thereto, a juvenile detention facility. Such override must 9 be documented, include a written explanation and receive approval from 10 the director of the intake and assessment center or the court.

(B) The court shall approve an override function of the detention risk
assessment tool for use when a juvenile is alleged to have possessed or
used a firearm during the commission of an offense. In such an instance,
the juvenile intake and assessment worker or the court shall override the
detention risk assessment tool score to order direct placement in a juvenile
detention facility.

(4) If a juvenile meets one or more eligibility criteria for detention or
referral to a community-based alternative to detention, the person with
authority to detain shall maintain discretion to release the juvenile if other
less restrictive measures would be adequate.

(g) Parents, guardians and juveniles may access the juvenile intake
 and assessment programs on a voluntary basis. The parent or guardian
 shall be responsible for the costs of any such program utilized.

(h) Every juvenile intake and assessment worker shall receivetraining in evidence-based practices, including, but not limited to:

- 26 (1) Risk and needs assessments;
- 27 (2) individualized diversions based on needs and strengths;
- 28 (3) graduated responses;
- 29 (4) family engagement;
- 30 (5) trauma-informed care;
- 31 (6) substance abuse;
- 32 (7) mental health; and
- 33 (8) special education.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 38-2361, 38-2369 and 75-7023 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp.
 38-2391 and 38-2392 are hereby repealed.
- 36 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 37 publication in the statute book.