

2023 Kansas Statutes

38-2304. Jurisdiction; presumption of age of juvenile; continued placement as a child in need of care; eligibility for services, collaboration; precedence of certain orders. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 38-2347, and amendments thereto, proceedings concerning a juvenile shall be governed by the provisions of this code.

(b) The district court shall have original jurisdiction to receive and determine proceedings under this code.

(c) When a complaint is filed under this code, the juvenile shall be presumed to be subject to this code, unless the contrary is proved.

(d) Once jurisdiction is acquired by the district court over an alleged juvenile offender, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), jurisdiction shall continue until one of the following occurs:

- (1) The complaint is dismissed;
- (2) the juvenile is adjudicated not guilty at trial;
- (3) the juvenile, after being adjudicated guilty and sentenced:
 - (i) Successfully completes the term of probation;
 - (ii) is discharged by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2376, and amendments thereto;
 - (iii) reaches the juvenile's 21st birthday and no exceptions apply that extend jurisdiction beyond 21 years of age; or
 - (iv) reaches the overall case length limit;
- (4) the court terminates jurisdiction; or
- (5) the juvenile is convicted of a crime as an adult pursuant to chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(e) Once jurisdiction is acquired by the district court over an alleged juvenile offender, it shall continue beyond the juvenile offender's 21st birthday but not later than the juvenile offender's 23rd birthday if:

- (1) The juvenile offender is sentenced pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2369, and amendments thereto, and the term of the sentence including successful completion of conditional release extends beyond the juvenile offender's 21st birthday but does not extend beyond the overall case length limit; or
- (2) the juvenile offender is sentenced pursuant to an extended jurisdiction juvenile prosecution and continues to successfully serve the sentence imposed pursuant to the revised Kansas juvenile justice code.

(f) Termination of jurisdiction pursuant to this section shall have no effect on the juvenile offender's continuing responsibility to pay restitution ordered.

(g) (1) If a juvenile offender, at the time of sentencing, is in an out-of-home placement in the custody of the secretary for children and families under the Kansas code for care of children, the sentencing court may order the continued placement of the juvenile offender as a child in need of care.

(2) Court services, community corrections and the department of corrections shall address the risks and needs of the juvenile offender according to the results of the risk and needs assessment.

(h) If a juvenile or juvenile offender is eligible to receive services from the Kansas department for children and families, the department of corrections or the judicial branch, such agencies shall collaborate to provide such services. Nothing in this code shall preclude the juvenile or juvenile offender from accessing services provided by the Kansas department for children and families, the department of corrections, the judicial branch or any other state agency if the juvenile or juvenile offender is otherwise eligible for the services.

(i) A court's order issued in a proceeding pursuant to this code shall take precedence over such orders in a proceeding under chapter 23 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the Kansas family law code, a proceeding under article 31 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, protection from abuse act, a proceeding under article 21 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, adoption and relinquishment act, a proceeding under article 30 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, guardians and conservators, or a comparable case in another jurisdiction,

except as provided by K.S.A. 23-37,101 et seq., and amendments thereto, uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act.

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