

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2568

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning domestic relations; relating to the Kansas family law  
2 code; child support guidelines; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 20-165,  
3 23-2201, ~~23-2215~~, 23-2216, 23-2223, 23-2224, 23-2707, 23-3002, 23-  
4 3005 and 23-3203 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing  
5 K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2217, 23-2218 and 23-2225.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 20-165 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 20-165. (a) The supreme court shall adopt rules establishing  
10 guidelines for the amount of child support to be ordered in any action in  
11 this state including, but not limited to, K.S.A. 39-755 and K.S.A. 2013  
12 Supp. 23-2215, and amendments thereto, article 30 of chapter 23 of the  
13 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2013  
14 Supp. 23-2711, and amendments thereto.

15 (b) In adopting such rules, the court shall consider ~~the criteria in~~  
16 ~~K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2215, and amendments thereto~~ all relevant factors,  
17 including, but not limited to:

- 18 (1) *The needs of the child;*
- 19 (2) *the standards of living and circumstances of the parents;*
- 20 (3) *the relative financial means of the parents;*
- 21 (4) *the earning ability of the parents;*
- 22 (5) *the need and capacity of the child for education;*
- 23 (6) *the age of the child;*
- 24 (7) *the financial resources and earning ability of the child;*
- 25 (8) *the responsibility of the parents for the support of others; and*
- 26 (9) *the value of services contributed by both parents.*

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2201 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 23-2201. (a) K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2201 and 23-2205 through ~~23-~~  
29 ~~2225~~ 23-2224, and acts amendatory thereto and supplemental thereof, shall  
30 be known and may be cited as the Kansas parentage act.

31 (b) Proceedings concerning parentage of a child shall be governed by  
32 this act except to the extent otherwise provided by the Indian child welfare  
33 act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq.).

34 ~~Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2215 is hereby amended to read as~~  
35 ~~follows: 23-2215. (a) The judgment or order of the court determining the~~  
36 ~~existence or nonexistence of the parent and child relationship is~~

1 determinative for all purposes, but if any person necessary to determine  
2 the existence of a father and child relationship for all purposes has not  
3 been joined as a party, a determination of the paternity of the child shall  
4 have only the force and effect of a finding of fact necessary to determine a  
5 *party's* duty of support.

6 (b) If the judgment or order of the court is at variance with the child's  
7 birth certificate, the court shall order that a new birth certificate be issued,  
8 but only if any man named as the father on the birth certificate is a party to  
9 the action.

10 (c) Upon adjudging that a party is the parent of a minor child, the  
11 court shall make provision for support and education of the child including  
12 *under article 30 of chapter 23 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and*  
13 *amendments thereto. The court may order the payment of all or a portion*  
14 *of the necessary medical expenses incident to the child's birth of the child.*  
15 *The court may order the support and education expenses to be paid by*  
16 *either or both parents for the minor child. When the child reaches 18 years*  
17 *of age, the support shall terminate unless: (1) The parent or parents agree,*  
18 *by written agreement approved by the court, to pay support beyond that*  
19 *time; (2) the child reaches 18 years of age before completing the child's*  
20 *high school education in which case the support shall not automatically*  
21 *terminate, unless otherwise ordered by the court, until June 30 of the*  
22 *school year during which the child became 18 years of age if the child is*  
23 *still attending high school; or (3) the child is still a bona fide high school*  
24 *student after June 30 of the school year during which the child became 18*  
25 *years of age, in which case the court, on motion, may order support to*  
26 *continue through the school year during which the child becomes 19 years*  
27 *of age so long as the child is a bona fide high school student and the*  
28 *parents jointly participated or knowingly acquiesced in the decision which*  
29 *delayed the child's completion of high school. The court, in extending*  
30 *support pursuant to subsection (c)(3), may impose such conditions as are*  
31 *appropriate and shall set the child support utilizing the guideline table*  
32 *category for 16-year through 18-year-old children. Provision for payment*  
33 *of support and educational expenses of a child after reaching 18 years of*  
34 *age if still attending high school shall apply to any child subject to the*  
35 *jurisdiction of the court, including those whose support was ordered prior*  
36 *to July 1, 1992. If an agreement approved by the court prior to July 1,*  
37 *1988, provides for termination of support before the date provided by*  
38 *subsection (c)(2), the court may review and modify such agreement, and*  
39 *any order based on such agreement, to extend the date for termination of*  
40 *support to the date provided by subsection (c)(2). If an agreement*  
41 *approved by the court prior to July 1, 1992, provides for termination of*  
42 *support before the date provided by subsection (c)(3), the court may*  
43 *review and modify such agreement, and any order based on such*

1 agreement, to extend the date for termination of support to the date  
2 provided by subsection (c)(3). For purposes of this section, "bona fide high  
3 school student" means a student who is enrolled in full accordance with  
4 the policy of the accredited high school in which the student is pursuing a  
5 high school diploma or a graduate equivalency diploma (GED). The  
6 judgment may require the party to provide a bond with sureties to secure  
7 payment. The court may at any time during the minority of the child  
8 modify or change the order of support, including any order issued in a title  
9 IV-D case, within three years of the date of the original order or a  
10 modification order, as required by the best interest of the child. If more  
11 than three years has passed since the date of the original order or  
12 modification order, a requirement that such order is in the best interest of  
13 the child need not be shown. The court may make a modification of  
14 support retroactive to a date at least one month after the date that the  
15 motion to modify was filed with the court. Any increase in support ordered  
16 effective prior to the date the court's judgment is filed shall not become a  
17 lien on real property pursuant to K.S.A. 60-2202, and amendments thereto.

18 (d) If both parents are parties to the action, the court shall enter such  
19 orders regarding *for legal* custody, residency and parenting time as the  
20 court considers to be in the best interest of the child *under article 32 of*  
21 *chapter 23 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.*

22 If the parties have an agreed parenting plan it shall be presumed the  
23 agreed parenting plan is in the best interest of the child. This presumption  
24 may be overcome and the court may make a different order if the court  
25 makes specific findings of fact stating why the agreed parenting plan is not  
26 in the best interest of the child. If the parties are not in agreement on a  
27 parenting plan, each party shall submit a proposed parenting plan to the  
28 court for consideration at such time before the final hearing as may be  
29 directed by the court.

30 (e) If during the proceedings the court determines that there is  
31 probable cause to believe that the child is a child in need of care, as  
32 defined by subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3) or (d)(11) of K.S.A. 2013-  
33 Supp. 38-2202, and amendments thereto, or that neither parent is fit to  
34 have residency, the court may award temporary residency of the child to a  
35 grandparent, aunt, uncle or adult sibling, or another person or agency if the  
36 court finds by written order that: (1) (A) The child is likely to sustain harm  
37 if not immediately removed from the home; (B) allowing the child to  
38 remain in home is contrary to the welfare of the child; or (C) immediate  
39 placement of the child is in the best interest of the child; and (2)  
40 reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the family unit and prevent  
41 the unnecessary removal of the child from the child's home or that an  
42 emergency exists which threatens the safety of the child. In making such a  
43 residency order, the court shall give preference, to the extent that the court

1 finds it is in the best interests of the child, first to awarding such residency  
2 to a relative of the child by blood, marriage or adoption and second to  
3 awarding such residency to another person with whom the child has close  
4 emotional ties. The court may make temporary orders for care, support,  
5 education and visitation that it considers appropriate. Temporary residency  
6 orders are to be entered in lieu of temporary orders provided for in K.S.A.  
7 2013 Supp. 38-2243 and 38-2244, and amendments thereto, and shall  
8 remain in effect until there is a final determination under the revised  
9 Kansas code for care of children. An award of temporary residency under  
10 this paragraph shall not terminate parental rights nor give the court the  
11 authority to consent to the adoption of the child. When the court enters  
12 orders awarding temporary residency of the child to an agency or a person  
13 other than the parent, the court shall refer a transcript of the proceedings to  
14 the county or district attorney. The county or district attorney shall file a  
15 petition as provided in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 38-2234, and amendments  
16 thereto, and may request termination of parental rights pursuant to K.S.A.  
17 2013 Supp. 38-2266, and amendments thereto. The costs of the  
18 proceedings shall be paid from the general fund of the county. If a final  
19 determination is made that the child is not a child in need of care, the  
20 county or district attorney shall notify the court in writing and the court,  
21 after a hearing, shall enter appropriate custody orders pursuant to this  
22 section. If the same judge presides over both proceedings, the notice is not  
23 required. Any order pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of  
24 children shall take precedence over any similar order under this section.

25 ~~(f) (e) (1) In entering an original order for support of a child under~~  
26 ~~this section, the court may award an additional judgment to reimburse the~~  
27 ~~expenses of the mother or any other party who made expenditures for~~  
28 ~~support and education of the child from the date of birth to the date the~~  
29 ~~order is entered. If the determination of paternity is based upon a~~  
30 ~~presumption arising under K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2208, and amendments~~  
31 ~~thereto, the court shall award an additional judgment to reimburse all or~~  
32 ~~part of the expenses of support and education of the child from at least the~~  
33 ~~date the presumption first arose to the date the order is entered, except that~~  
34 ~~no additional judgment need be awarded for amounts accrued under a~~  
35 ~~previous order for the child's support.~~

36 ~~(2) The court may consider any affirmative defenses pled and proved~~  
37 ~~in making an award under this subsection.~~

38 ~~(3) The amount of any award made under this subsection shall be~~  
39 ~~determined by application of the Kansas child support guidelines. For any~~  
40 ~~period occurring five years or less before or after commencement of the~~  
41 ~~action, there is a rebuttable presumption that such child support~~  
42 ~~guidelines amount reflects the actual expenditures made on the child's~~  
43 ~~behalf during that period. For any period occurring more than five years~~

1 ~~before commencement of the action, the person seeking the award has the~~  
 2 ~~burden of proving that the total amount requested for that period does not~~  
 3 ~~exceed expenditures actually made on the child's behalf during that~~  
 4 ~~period.~~

5 ~~(g) In determining the amount to be ordered in payment and duration~~  
 6 ~~of such payments, a court enforcing the obligation of support shall~~  
 7 ~~consider all relevant facts including, but not limited to, the following:~~

8 ~~(1) The needs of the child.~~

9 ~~(2) The standards of living and circumstances of the parents.~~

10 ~~(3) The relative financial means of the parents.~~

11 ~~(4) The earning ability of the parents.~~

12 ~~(5) The need and capacity of the child for education.~~

13 ~~(6) The age of the child.~~

14 ~~(7) The financial resources and the earning ability of the child.~~

15 ~~(8) The responsibility of the parents for the support of others.~~

16 ~~(9) The value of services contributed by both parents.~~

17 ~~(h) The provisions of K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3103, and amendments~~  
 18 ~~thereto, shall apply to all orders of support issued under this section.~~

19 ~~(i) An order granting parenting time pursuant to this section may be~~  
 20 ~~enforced in accordance with K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3401, and amendments~~  
 21 ~~thereto, or under the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement~~  
 22 ~~act.~~

23 ~~Sec. 4 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2216 is hereby amended to read as~~  
 24 ~~follows: 23-2216. (a) Costs and attorney fees may be awarded to either~~  
 25 ~~party as justice and equity may require. Unless the attorney represents a~~  
 26 ~~public agency in an action, the court may order that the amount be paid~~  
 27 ~~directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name~~  
 28 ~~in the same case.~~

29 ~~(b) The court may order reasonable fees of counsel and for the child's~~  
 30 ~~guardian ad litem and.~~

31 ~~(c) The court may order other expenses of the action, including blood~~  
 32 ~~genetic tests, to be paid by the parties in proportions and at times~~  
 33 ~~determined by the court. The court may order the proportion of any~~  
 34 ~~indigent party to be paid from the general fund of the county. After~~  
 35 ~~payment, the court may tax all, part or none of the expenses as costs in the~~  
 36 ~~action. No fee shall be allowed for representation of the petitioner by the~~  
 37 ~~county or district attorney.~~

38 ~~(d) The fee of an expert witness qualified as an examiner of blood~~  
 39 ~~types to perform genetic testing, but not appointed by the court, shall be~~  
 40 ~~paid by the party calling the expert witness but shall not be taxed as costs~~  
 41 ~~in the action.~~

42 ~~Sec. 5 4. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2223 is hereby amended to read as~~  
 43 ~~follows: 23-2223. (a) Whenever the parents of a minor child desire that the~~

1 child's birth certificate be amended to add the name of a parent, correct the  
2 name of either parent or of the child or change the child's last name to that  
3 of either parent, both parents shall appear before a judge of the district  
4 court or a hearing officer authorized by rule of the supreme court to accept  
5 voluntary acknowledgments of parentage. The parents shall execute  
6 affidavits in the presence of the judge or hearing officer, attesting to the  
7 fact that each is a parent of the child and that they desire to amend the  
8 birth registration of the child. If both parents are not residents of this state  
9 and are outside this state, both parents shall forward to such judge or  
10 hearing officer affidavits, sworn to before a judicial officer of the state in  
11 which they reside and attesting to the fact that each is a parent of the child  
12 and that they desire to amend the birth registration of the child.

13 (b) The judge or hearing officer shall require the parents to exhibit or  
14 to forward to the judge or hearing officer evidence of the birth of the child.  
15 If the judge or hearing officer finds that the birth certificate of the child  
16 fails to name either the father or mother of the child, that the name of  
17 either parent or the child is incorrect or that the child's name should be  
18 changed to that of either parent, the judge or hearing officer shall forward  
19 both parents' affidavits to the state registrar of vital statistics, together with  
20 a certified order to prepare a new birth registration in the manner provided  
21 by K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2222, and amendments thereto, and to seal the  
22 affidavits, court order and original birth certificate and allow inspection of  
23 them only as provided therein.

24 (c) The judge or hearing officer shall return all evidence and other  
25 exhibits to the parents of the child. No fee shall be charged for the  
26 performance of this service. No case file will be opened in the district  
27 court, nor will any record be made by the court of the performance of this  
28 act.

29 ~~(d) This statute shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas~~  
30 ~~parentage act.~~

31 Sec. 6 5. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2224 is hereby amended to read as  
32 follows: 23-2224. (a) The court, without requiring bond, may make and  
33 enforce orders which:

34 (1) Restrain the parties from molesting or interfering with the privacy  
35 or rights of each other;

36 (2) confirm the existing de facto custody of the child subject to  
37 further order of the court, *if the court has jurisdiction under K.S.A. 23-*  
38 *37,101 et seq., and amendments thereto;*

39 (3) appoint an expert to conduct genetic tests for determination of  
40 paternity as provided in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2212, and amendments  
41 thereto;

42 (4) order the mother and child and alleged father to contact the court  
43 appointed expert and provide tissue samples for testing within 30 days

1 after service of the order;

2 (5) order the payment of temporary child support pursuant to  
3 subsection (c); or

4 (6) the court deems ~~necessary to carry the provisions of the Kansas~~  
5 ~~parentage act~~ *appropriate under the provisions of article 22 of chapter 23*  
6 *of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.*

7 (b) (1) Interlocutory orders authorized by this section that relate to  
8 genetic testing may be issued ex parte, if:

9 (A) The appointed expert is a paternity laboratory accredited by the  
10 American association of blood banks; and

11 (B) the order does not require an adverse party to make advance  
12 payment toward the cost of the test.

13 (2) If such ex parte orders are issued, and if an adverse party requests  
14 modification thereof, the court will conduct a hearing within 10 days of  
15 such request.

16 (c) After notice and hearing, the court shall enter an order for child  
17 support during the pendency of the action as provided in this subsection.  
18 The order shall be entered if the pleadings and the motion for temporary  
19 support, if separate from the pleadings, indicate there is only one presumed  
20 father and if probable paternity by the presumed father is indicated by  
21 clear and convincing evidence. For purposes of this subsection, "clear and  
22 convincing evidence" may be presented in any form, including, but not  
23 limited to, an uncontested allegation in the pleadings, an uncontested  
24 affidavit or an agreement between the parties. For purposes of this  
25 subsection, "clear and convincing evidence" means:

26 (1) The presumed father does not deny paternity;

27 (2) the mother and the presumed father were married to each other,  
28 regardless of whether the marriage was void or voidable, at any time  
29 between 300 days before the child's birth and the child's birth;

30 (3) a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity was completed by the  
31 mother and the presumed father more than 60 days before the motion was  
32 filed and no request to revoke the voluntary acknowledgment has been  
33 filed; or

34 (4) results of genetic tests show the probability of paternity by the  
35 presumed father is equal to or greater than 97% and the report was  
36 received more than 20 days before the motion was filed, unless written  
37 notice of intent to challenge the validity of the report has been timely  
38 given.

39 ~~(d) The provisions of this section are part of and supplemental to the~~  
40 ~~Kansas parentage act.~~

41 Sec. ~~7~~ **6**. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2707 is hereby amended to read as  
42 follows: 23-2707. (a) *Permissible orders*. After the filing of a petition for  
43 divorce, annulment or separate maintenance ~~has been filed~~, and during the

1 pendency of the action ~~prior to~~ *until the entry of* final judgment the judge  
2 assigned to hear the action may, without requiring bond, make, *modify*,  
3 *vacate* and enforce by attachment, orders which:

4 (1) Jointly restrain the parties with regard to disposition of the  
5 property of the parties and provide for the use, occupancy, management  
6 and control of that property;

7 (2) restrain the parties from molesting or interfering with the privacy  
8 or rights of each other;

9 (3) provide for the legal custody and residency of and parenting time  
10 with the minor children and the support, if necessary, of either party and of  
11 the minor children during the pendency of the action;

12 (4) require mediation between the parties on issues, including, but not  
13 limited to, child custody, residency, division of property, parenting time  
14 and development of a parenting plan;

15 (5) make provisions, if necessary, for the expenses of the suit,  
16 including reasonable attorney's fees, that will insure to either party  
17 efficient preparation for the trial of the case;

18 (6) require an investigation by court service officers into any issue  
19 arising in the action; or

20 (7) require that each parent execute any and all documents, including  
21 any releases, necessary so that both parents may obtain information from  
22 and to communicate with any health insurance provider regarding the  
23 health insurance coverage provided by such health insurance provider to  
24 the child. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply irrespective of  
25 which parent owns, subscribes or pays for such health insurance coverage.

26 (b) *Ex parte orders.* Orders authorized by subsections (a)(1), (2), (3),  
27 (4) and (7) may be entered after ex parte hearing upon compliance with  
28 rules of the supreme court, except that no ex parte order shall have the  
29 effect of changing the residency of a minor child from the parent who has  
30 had the sole de facto residency of the child to the other parent unless there  
31 is sworn testimony to support a showing of extraordinary circumstances. If  
32 an interlocutory order is issued ex parte, the court shall hear a motion to  
33 vacate or modify the order within 14 days of the date on which a party  
34 requests a hearing whether to vacate or modify the order. In the absence,  
35 disability, or disqualification of the judge assigned to hear the action, any  
36 other judge of the district court may make any order authorized by this  
37 section, including vacation or modification or any order issued by the  
38 judge assigned to hear the action.

39 (c) *Support orders.* (1) An order of support obtained pursuant to this  
40 section may be enforced by an order of garnishment as provided in this  
41 section.

42 (2) No order of garnishment shall be issued under this section unless:  
43 (A) Fourteen or more days have elapsed since the order of support was



1 served upon the party required to pay the support; and (B) the order of  
2 support contained a notice that the order of support may be enforced by  
3 garnishment and that the party has a right to request an opportunity for a  
4 hearing to contest the issuance of an order of garnishment, if the hearing is  
5 requested by motion filed within seven days after service of the order of  
6 support upon the party. If a hearing is requested, the court shall hold the  
7 hearing within seven days after the motion requesting the hearing is filed  
8 with the court or at a later date agreed to by the parties.

9 (3) No bond shall be required for the issuance of an order of  
10 garnishment pursuant to this section. Except as provided in this section,  
11 garnishments authorized by this section shall be subject to the procedures  
12 and limitations applicable to other orders of garnishment authorized by  
13 law.

14 (4) A party desiring to have the order of garnishment issued shall file  
15 an affidavit with the clerk of the district court stating that:

16 (A) The order of support contained the notice required by this  
17 subsection;

18 (B) fourteen or more days have elapsed since the order of support  
19 was served upon the party required to pay the support; and

20 (C) either no hearing was requested on the issuance of an order of  
21 garnishment within the seven days after service of the order of support  
22 upon the party required to pay the same or a hearing was requested and  
23 held and the court did not prohibit the issuance of an order of garnishment.

24 (d) If an interlocutory order for legal custody, residency or parenting  
25 time is sought, the party seeking such order shall file a proposed temporary  
26 parenting plan as provided by K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3211, and  
27 amendments thereto, at the time such order is sought. If any motion is filed  
28 to modify any such interlocutory orders, or in opposition to a request for  
29 issuance of interlocutory orders, that party shall attach to such motion or  
30 opposition a proposed alternative parenting plan.

31 (e) *Service of process.* Service of process served under subsection (a)  
32 (1) and (2) shall be by personal service and not by certified mail return  
33 receipt requested.

34 Sec. 8 7. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3002 is hereby amended to read as  
35 follows: 23-3002. (a) In determining the amount to be paid for child  
36 support, the court shall ~~consider all relevant factors, without regard to~~  
37 ~~marital misconduct, including the financial resources and needs of both~~  
38 ~~parents, the financial resources and needs of the child and the physical and~~  
39 ~~emotional condition of the child. Until a child reaches 18 years of age, the~~  
40 ~~court may set apart any portion of property of either the husband or wife,~~  
41 ~~or both, that seems necessary and proper for the support of the child follow~~  
42 ~~the Kansas child support guidelines adopted by the supreme court~~  
43 ~~pursuant to K.S.A. 20-165, and amendments thereto.~~

1       (b) *Any person who files a motion requesting a child support order or*  
 2 *modification order shall include in such filing a completed domestic*  
 3 *relations affidavit and proposed child support worksheet.*

4       Sec. ~~9~~ 8. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3005 is hereby amended to read as  
 5 follows: 23-3005. (a) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 23-36,207, and  
 6 amendments thereto, the court may modify ~~or change~~ any prior child  
 7 support order, including any order issued in a title IV-D case, within three  
 8 years of the date of the original order or a modification order, when a  
 9 material change in circumstances is shown, irrespective of the present  
 10 domicile of the child or the parents. If more than three years has passed  
 11 since the date of the original order or modification order, a material change  
 12 in circumstance need not be shown.

13       (b) The court may make a modification of child support retroactive to  
 14 ~~a date at least one month after the date that the motion to modify was filed~~  
 15 ~~with the court~~ *the first day of the month following the filing of the motion*  
 16 *to modify.* Any increase in support ordered effective prior to the date the  
 17 court's judgment is filed shall not become a lien on real property pursuant  
 18 to K.S.A. 60-2202, and amendments thereto, *until the date of the order.*

19       Sec. ~~10~~ 9. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-3203 is hereby amended to read as  
 20 follows: 23-3203. In determining the issue of child custody, residency and  
 21 parenting time, the court shall consider all relevant factors, including, but  
 22 not limited to:

23       ~~(a) The length of time that the child has been under the actual care and~~  
 24 ~~control of any person other than a parent and the circumstances~~  
 25 ~~relating thereto;~~ *Each parent's role and involvement with the minor child*  
 26 *before and after separation;*

27       (b) the desires of the child's parents as to custody or residency;

28       (c) the desires of ~~the~~ *a child of sufficient age and maturity* as to the  
 29 child's custody or residency;

30       (d) *the age of the child;*

31       (e) *the emotional and physical needs of the child;*

32       (f) the interaction and interrelationship of the child with parents,  
 33 siblings and any other person who may significantly affect the child's best  
 34 interests;

35       ~~(g)~~ (g) the child's adjustment to the child's home, school and  
 36 community;

37       ~~(h)~~ (h) the willingness and ability of each parent to respect and  
 38 appreciate the bond between the child and the other parent and to allow for  
 39 a continuing relationship between the child and the other parent;

40       ~~(i)~~ (i) evidence of spousal abuse, *either emotional or physical;*

41       (j) *the ability of the parties to communicate, cooperate and manage*  
 42 *parental duties;*

43       (k) *the school activity schedule of the child;*

1       (l) *the work schedule of the parties;*

2       (m) *the location of the parties' residences and places of employment;*

3       (n) *the location of the child's school;*

4       ~~(h)~~ (o) whether a parent is subject to the registration requirements of  
5 the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and  
6 amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military  
7 or federal law;

8       ~~(i)~~ (p) whether a parent has been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A.  
9 21-3609, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-5602, and  
10 amendments thereto;

11       ~~(j)~~ (q) whether a parent is residing with an individual who is subject  
12 to registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A.  
13 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other  
14 state, or under military or federal law; and

15       ~~(k)~~ (r) whether a parent is residing with an individual who has been  
16 convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A.  
17 2013 Supp. 21-5602, and amendments thereto.

18       Sec. ~~10~~ 10. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 20-165, 23-2201, ~~23-2215~~, 23-2216,  
19 23-2217, 23-2218, 23-2223, 23-2224, 23-2225, 23-2707, 23-3002, 23-  
20 3005 and 23-3203 are hereby repealed.

21       Sec. ~~11~~ 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
22 publication in the statute book.