

Sentencing and Crimes; HB 2463

HB 2463 amends statutes concerning sentencing and crimes. Specifically, the bill amends statutes governing the determination of criminal history to add non-grid felonies, nondrug severity level 5 felonies, and any drug severity level 1 through 4 felonies committed by an adult to the list of juvenile adjudications that will decay if the current crime of conviction is committed after the offender reaches age 25.

The bill also allows a court to continue or modify conditions of release for or impose a 120- or 180-day prison sanction on an offender who absconds from supervision, without having to first impose a 2- or 3-day jail sanction.

Finally, the bill makes a violation or an aggravated violation of the Kansas Offender Registration Act a person offense if the underlying crime (for which registration is required) is a person crime. If the underlying crime is a nonperson crime, the registration offense is a nonperson crime. If there are multiple underlying crimes, which include both a nonperson crime and a person crime that require compliance with the Act, the registration offense is a person crime. Previously, a violation or aggravated violation of the Kansas Offender Registration Act was a person crime regardless of the designation of the underlying crime.