

SENATE BILL No. 162

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

2-13

1 AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to foster care; requiring  
2 notification by a foster care case management contractor and the  
3 Kansas department for children and families of certain situations  
4 involving children.

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

7 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Child in foster care" means a child who is under the age of 18,  
9 who has been placed away from the child's parents or guardians, for whom  
10 the Kansas department for children and families has legal responsibility  
11 for placement and care and for whom case management responsibility has  
12 been assigned by the Kansas department for children and families to a case  
13 management contractor.

14 (2) "Foster care case management contractor" means an organization  
15 that has a contract with the Kansas department for children and families to  
16 provide case management and placement services for children for whom  
17 the Kansas department for children and families has legal responsibility  
18 for placement and care.

19 (b) (1) A foster care case management contractor shall notify the  
20 Kansas department for children and families within *a time period*  
21 *established by the Kansas department for children and families, not to*  
22 *exceed* 24 hours, of any time the contractor knows or has reason to know  
23 that a child in foster care for whom case management responsibility has  
24 been assigned by the Kansas department for children and families to such  
25 contractor that such child has:

26 (A) Gone missing; or

27 (B) spent any overnight period in a facility under the control of the  
28 contractor.

29 (2) For any child who is reported missing in accordance with this  
30 subsection, the foster care case management contractor shall include in the  
31 report the ~~identity~~ *age and sex* of the child, the location where the child  
32 went missing, *if a different placement was previously determined to be*  
33 *more appropriate for the child but was unavailable for any reason* and  
34 any other information required by the Kansas department for children and  
35 families.

36 (3) *For any child who is reported as having spent an overnight*

1 *period in a facility under the control of a contractor in accordance with*  
2 *this subsection, the foster care case management contractor shall*  
3 *include the reasons why the child spent such overnight period in such*  
4 *facility.*

5 (4) *For any child reported in accordance with this subsection, the*  
6 *Kansas department for children and families shall add to such report*  
7 *which of the top five recommendations, if any, by the child welfare*  
8 *system task force have been implemented or addressed by the legislature.*

9 (c) ~~Within 48 hours of receipt of~~ *After receiving* any notice under  
10 subsection (b), the Kansas department for children and families shall  
11 *notify:*

12 (1) ~~Notify the governor and the legislature of such missing child,~~  
13 *within 24 hours of receiving such notice;* and

14 (2) ~~cause such information to be published in~~ *each member of the*  
15 *legislature and* the official newspaper of the county where the child went  
16 missing or, if the county does not have an official newspaper, then ~~in~~ a  
17 newspaper of general circulation in such county, *within 48 hours of*  
18 *receiving such notice.*

19 (d) (1) For each day that a foster care case management contractor  
20 does not notify the Kansas department for children and families, as  
21 required by subsection (b), the Kansas department for children and  
22 families shall assess a fine of \$500 against the contractor.

23 (2) The Kansas department for children and families shall remit all  
24 moneys received from fines under this section to the state treasurer in  
25 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments  
26 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall  
27 deposit the entire amount into the state treasury to the state general fund.

28 (e) The Kansas department for children and families shall adopt rules  
29 and regulations as necessary to implement and administer this section.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
31 publication in the statute book.