

HOUSE BILL No. 2516

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to sentencing guidelines; criminal history calculation; requiring ~~the~~
3 ~~journal entries used to establish criminal history to be attached to a~~
4 ~~criminal history worksheet and~~ an offender who raises error in
5 calculation for the first time on appeal to show prejudicial error;
6 authorizing jurisdiction of the court to correct an illegal sentence while
7 a direct appeal is pending; amending K.S.A. 2021 Supp. ~~21-6813~~, 21-
8 6814 and 21-6820 and repealing the existing sections.
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 ~~Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813 is hereby amended to read as~~
12 ~~follows: 21-6813. (a) The court shall order the preparation of the~~
13 ~~presentence investigation report by the court services officer as soon as~~
14 ~~possible after conviction of the defendant.~~

15 ~~(b) Each presentence investigation report prepared for an offender to~~
16 ~~be sentenced for one or more felonies committed on or after July 1, 1993,~~
17 ~~shall be limited to the following information:~~

18 ~~(1) A summary of the factual circumstances of the crime or crimes of~~
19 ~~conviction;~~

20 ~~(2) If the defendant desires to do so, a summary of the defendant's~~
21 ~~version of the crime;~~

22 ~~(3) When there is an identifiable victim, a victim report. The person~~
23 ~~preparing the victim report shall submit the report to the victim and~~
24 ~~request that the information be returned to be submitted as a part of the~~
25 ~~presentence investigation. To the extent possible, the report shall include a~~
26 ~~complete listing of restitution for damages suffered by the victim;~~

27 ~~(4) An appropriate classification of each crime of conviction on the~~
28 ~~crime severity scale;~~

29 ~~(5) A listing of prior adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for~~
30 ~~felony or misdemeanor crimes or violations of county resolutions or city~~
31 ~~ordinances comparable to any misdemeanor defined by state law. Such~~
32 ~~listing shall include an assessment of the appropriate classification of the~~
33 ~~criminal history on the criminal history scale and the source of information~~
34 ~~regarding each listed prior conviction and any available source of journal~~
35 ~~entries or other documents through which the listed convictions may be~~
36 ~~verified. If any such journal entries or other documents *The journal entries*~~

~~1 for each listed prior conviction that is necessary to establish the
2 appropriate classification on the criminal history scale or to establish a
3 special sentencing rule shall be attached to the criminal history worksheet
4 and be a part of the court record. If any other documents verifying the
5 listed convictions are obtained by the court services officer, they shall be
6 attached to the presentence investigation report criminal history worksheet
7 and be a part of the court record. Any prior criminal history worksheets of
8 the defendant shall also be attached.~~

~~9 (6) A proposed grid block classification for each crime, or crimes of
10 conviction and the presumptive sentence for each crime, or crimes of
11 conviction.~~

~~12 (7) If the proposed grid block classification is a grid block that
13 presumes imprisonment, the presumptive prison term range and the
14 presumptive duration of postprison supervision as it relates to the crime
15 severity scale.~~

~~16 (8) If the proposed grid block classification does not presume prison,
17 the presumptive prison term range and the presumptive duration of the
18 nonprison sanction as it relates to the crime severity scale and the court
19 services officer's professional assessment as to recommendations for
20 conditions to be mandated as part of the nonprison sanction.~~

~~21 (9) For defendants who are being sentenced for a conviction of a
22 felony violation of K.S.A. 65-4160 or 65-4162, prior to their repeal, or
23 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706, and amendments thereto, and meet the
24 requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, and amendments thereto, the
25 drug abuse assessment as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, and
26 amendments thereto.~~

~~27 (10) For defendants who are being sentenced for a third or subsequent
28 felony conviction of a violation of K.S.A. 65-4160 or 65-4162, prior to
29 their repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706, and amendments thereto, the
30 drug abuse assessment as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, and
31 amendments thereto.~~

~~32 (e) The presentence investigation report will become part of the court
33 record and shall be accessible to the public, except that the official version,
34 defendant's version and the victim's statement, any psychological reports,
35 risk and needs assessments and drug and alcohol reports and assessments
36 shall be accessible only to: The parties; the sentencing judge; the
37 department of corrections; community correctional services; any entity
38 required to receive the information under the interstate compact for adult
39 offender supervision; and, if requested, the Kansas sentencing
40 commission. If the offender is committed to the custody of the secretary of
41 corrections, the report shall be sent to the secretary and, in accordance
42 with K.S.A. 75-5220, and amendments thereto, to the warden of the state
43 correctional institution to which the defendant is conveyed.~~

1 ~~(d) The criminal history worksheet will not substitute as a~~
2 ~~presentence investigation report.~~

3 ~~(e) The presentence investigation report will not include optional~~
4 ~~report components, which would be subject to the discretion of the~~
5 ~~sentencing court in each district except for psychological reports and drug~~
6 ~~and alcohol reports.~~

7 ~~(f) Except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814, and~~
8 ~~amendments thereto, the court may take judicial notice in a subsequent~~
9 ~~felony proceeding of an earlier presentence investigation report criminal~~
10 ~~history worksheet prepared for a prior sentencing of the defendant for a~~
11 ~~felony committed on or after July 1, 1993.~~

12 ~~(g) All presentence investigation reports in any case in which the~~
13 ~~defendant has been convicted of a felony shall be on a form approved by~~
14 ~~the Kansas sentencing commission.~~

15 ~~See 2. Section 1.~~ K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814 is hereby amended to
16 read as follows: 21-6814. (a) The offender's criminal history shall be
17 admitted in open court by the offender or determined by a preponderance
18 of the evidence at the sentencing hearing by the sentencing judge.

19 (b) Except to the extent disputed in accordance with subsection (c),
20 the summary of the offender's criminal history prepared for the court by
21 ~~the state criminal history worksheet and attached documents prepared for~~
22 ~~the court pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(c)(5), and amendments~~
23 ~~thereto, summary of the offender's criminal history prepared for the~~
24 ~~court by the state~~ shall satisfy the state's burden of proof regarding an
25 offender's criminal history.

26 (c) Upon receipt of the criminal history worksheet prepared for the
27 court, the offender shall immediately notify the district attorney and the
28 court with written notice of any error in the proposed criminal history
29 worksheet. Such notice shall specify the exact nature of the alleged error.
30 The state shall have the burden of proving the disputed portion of the
31 offender's criminal history. The sentencing judge shall allow the state
32 reasonable time to produce evidence to establish its burden of proof. If the
33 offender later challenges such offender's criminal history, which has been
34 previously established, the burden of proof shall shift to the offender to
35 prove such offender's criminal history by a preponderance of the evidence.

36 (d) *If an offender raises a challenge to the offender's criminal history*
37 *for the first time on appeal, the offender shall have the burden of*
38 *designating a record that shows prejudicial error. If the offender fails to*
39 *provide such record, the appellate court shall dismiss the claim. In*
40 *designating a record that shows prejudicial error, the offender may*
41 *provide the appellate court with journal entries of the challenged criminal*
42 *history that were not originally attached to the criminal history worksheet,*
43 *and the state may provide the appellate court with journal entries*

1 *establishing a lack of prejudicial error. The court may take judicial notice*
2 *of such journal entries, complaints, plea agreements, jury instructions and*
3 *verdict forms for Kansas convictions when determining whether*
4 *prejudicial error exists. The court may remand the case if there is a*
5 *reasonable question as to whether prejudicial error exists.*

6 Sec. ~~3~~ 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 21-6820. (a) A departure sentence *or a ruling on a motion filed*
8 *pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3504, and amendments thereto*, is subject to appeal
9 by the defendant or the state. The appeal shall be to the appellate courts in
10 accordance with rules adopted by the supreme court.

11 (b) Pending review of the sentence, the sentencing court or the
12 appellate court may order the defendant confined or placed on conditional
13 release, including bond.

14 (c) On appeal from a judgment of conviction entered for a felony
15 committed on or after July 1, 1993, the appellate court shall not review:

16 (1) Any sentence that is within the presumptive sentence for the
17 crime; or

18 (2) any sentence resulting from an agreement between the state and
19 the defendant which the sentencing court approves on the record.

20 (d) In any appeal from a judgment of conviction imposing a sentence
21 that departs from the presumptive sentence prescribed by the sentencing
22 grid for a crime, sentence review shall be limited to whether the sentencing
23 court's findings of fact and reasons justifying a departure:

24 (1) Are supported by the evidence in the record; and

25 (2) constitute substantial and compelling reasons for departure.

26 (e) In any appeal from a judgment of conviction, the appellate court
27 may review a claim that:

28 (1) A sentence that departs from the presumptive sentence resulted
29 from partiality, prejudice, oppression or corrupt motive;

30 (2) the sentencing court erred in either including or excluding
31 recognition of a prior conviction or juvenile adjudication for criminal
32 history scoring purposes; or

33 (3) the sentencing court erred in ranking the crime severity level of
34 the current crime or in determining the appropriate classification of a prior
35 conviction or juvenile adjudication for criminal history purposes.

36 (f) The appellate court may reverse or affirm the sentence. If the
37 appellate court concludes that the trial court's factual findings are not
38 supported by evidence in the record or do not establish substantial and
39 compelling reasons for a departure, it shall remand the case to the trial
40 court for resentencing.

41 (g) The appellate court shall issue a written opinion whenever the
42 judgment of the sentencing court is reversed. The court may issue a written
43 opinion in any other case when it is believed that a written opinion will

1 provide guidance to sentencing judges and others in implementing the
2 sentencing guidelines adopted by the Kansas sentencing commission. The
3 appellate courts may provide by rule for summary disposition of cases
4 arising under this section when no substantial question is presented by the
5 appeal.

6 (h) A review under summary disposition shall be made solely upon
7 the record that was before the sentencing court. Written briefs shall not be
8 required unless ordered by the appellate court and the review and decision
9 shall be made in an expedited manner according to rules adopted by the
10 supreme court.

11 (i) The sentencing court shall retain authority irrespective of any
12 ~~notice of appeal for 90 days after entry of judgment of conviction to~~
13 ~~modify its judgment and sentence to correct any arithmetic or clerical~~
14 ~~errors to correct an illegal sentence or clerical error pursuant to K.S.A.~~
15 ~~22-3504, and amendments thereto. Notwithstanding the provisions of~~
16 ~~K.S.A. 22-3504, and amendments thereto, if a motion to correct an illegal~~
17 ~~sentence is filed while a direct appeal is pending, any change in the law~~
18 ~~that occurs during the pending direct appeal shall apply.~~

19 (j) The amendments made to this section by ~~this act~~ *section 14 of*
20 *chapter 59 of the 2019 Session Laws of Kansas* are procedural in nature
21 and shall be construed and applied retroactively.

22 ~~Sec. 4. 3.~~ K.S.A. 2021 Supp. ~~21-6813,~~ 21-6814 and 21-6820 are
23 hereby repealed.

24 ~~Sec. 5. 4.~~ This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.