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SENATE BILL No. 412

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
 to sentencing; providing that the supervision term in certain multiple
 conviction cases will be based on the longest supervision term imposed
 for any of the crimes; amending K.S.A. 21-6819 and repealing the
 existing section.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-6819 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-9 6819. (a) The provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (c) and (h) of 10 K.S.A. 21-6606(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (h), and amendments thereto, 11 regarding multiple sentences shall apply to the sentencing of offenders 12 pursuant to the sentencing guidelines. The mandatory consecutive sentence 13 requirements contained in subsections (c), (d) and (e) of K.S.A. 21-14 6606(c), (d) and (e), and amendments thereto, shall not apply if such application would result in a manifest injustice. 15

16 (b) The sentencing judge shall otherwise have discretion to impose 17 concurrent or consecutive sentences in multiple conviction cases. The 18 sentencing judge may consider the need to impose an overall sentence that 19 is proportionate to the harm and culpability and shall state on the record if 20 the sentence is to be served concurrently or consecutively. In cases where 21 consecutive sentences may be imposed by the sentencing judge, the 22 following shall apply:

23 (1) When the sentencing judge imposes multiple sentences 24 consecutively, the consecutive sentences shall consist of an imprisonment 25 term which may not exceed the sum of the consecutive imprisonment 26 terms, and a supervision term. The sentencing judge shall have the 27 discretion to impose a consecutive term of imprisonment for a crime other 28 than the primary crime of any term of months not to exceed the nonbase 29 sentence as determined under subsection (b)(5). The postrelease 30 supervision term will be based on the longest supervision term imposed for 31 any of the crimes.

32 (2) The sentencing judge shall establish a base sentence for the 33 primary crime. The primary crime is the crime with the highest crime 34 severity ranking. An off-grid crime shall not be used as the primary crime 35 in determining the base sentence when imposing multiple sentences. If 36 sentences for off-grid and on-grid convictions are ordered to run

1 consecutively, the offender shall not begin to serve the on-grid sentence 2 until paroled from the off-grid sentence, and the postrelease supervision 3 term will be based on the off-grid crime. If more than one crime of 4 conviction is classified in the same crime category, the sentencing judge 5 shall designate which crime will serve as the primary crime. In the 6 instance of sentencing with both the drug grid and the nondrug grid and 7 simultaneously having a presumption of imprisonment and probation, the 8 sentencing judge shall use the crime which presumes imprisonment as the 9 primary crime. In the instance of sentencing with both the drug grid and 10 the nondrug grid and simultaneously having a presumption of either both probation or both imprisonment, the sentencing judge shall use the crime 11 12 with the longest sentence term as the primary crime.

(3) The base sentence is set using the total criminal history scoreassigned.

15 (4) The total prison sentence imposed in a case involving multiple 16 convictions arising from multiple counts within an information, complaint 17 or indictment cannot exceed twice the base sentence. This limit shall apply only to the total sentence, and it shall not be necessary to reduce the 18 19 duration of any of the nonbase sentences imposed to be served consecutively to the base sentence. The postrelease supervision term will 20 21 reflect only the longest such term assigned to any of the crimes for which 22 consecutive sentences are imposed. Supervision periods shall not be 23 aggregated.

24 (5) Nonbase sentences shall not have criminal history scores applied, 25 as calculated in the criminal history I column of the grid, but base sentences shall have the full criminal history score assigned. In the event a 26 27 conviction designated as the primary crime in a multiple conviction case is 28 reversed on appeal, the appellate court shall remand the multiple conviction case for resentencing. Upon resentencing, if the case remains a 29 30 multiple conviction case the court shall follow all of the provisions of this 31 section concerning the sentencing of multiple conviction cases.

(6) If the sentence for the primary crime is a prison term, the entireimprisonment term of the consecutive sentences will be served in prison.

(7) If the sentence for the consecutive sentences is a prison term, the
 postrelease supervision term is a term of postrelease supervision as
 established for the primary crime.

(8) If the sentence for the primary crime is a nonprison sentence, a nonprison term will be imposed for each crime conviction, but the nonprison terms shall not be aggregated or served consecutively even though the underlying prison sentences have been ordered to be served consecutively. *The supervision term will be based on the longest supervision term imposed for any of the crimes and the supervision durations set forth in K.S.A. 21-6608(c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3) and (c)(4) shall* 1 not apply. Such an increase shall not be considered a departure and shall

not be subject to appeal. Upon revocation of the nonprison-sentence *sentences*, the offender shall serve the prison sentences consecutively as
 provided in this section.

5 (c) The following shall apply for a departure from the presumptive 6 sentence based on aggravating factors within the context of consecutive 7 sentences:

8 (1) The court may depart from the presumptive limits for consecutive 9 sentences only if the judge finds substantial and compelling reasons to 10 impose a departure sentence for any of the individual crimes being 11 sentenced consecutively.

(2) When a departure sentence is imposed for any of the individual
 crimes sentenced consecutively, the imprisonment term of that departure
 sentence shall not exceed twice the maximum presumptive imprisonment
 term that may be imposed for that crime.

(3) The total imprisonment term of the consecutive sentences,
including the imprisonment term for the departure crime, shall not exceed
twice the maximum presumptive imprisonment term of the departure
sentence following aggravation.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-6819 is hereby repealed.

21 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 22 publication in the statute book.