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SENATE BILL No. 414

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
 to controlled substances; increasing penalties for unlawful distribution
 of controlled substances with respect to material containing any
 quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance; creating a special
 sentencing rule for such unlawful distribution thereof; amending
 K.S.A. 21-5705 and 21-6805 and repealing the existing sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-5705 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-10 5705. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with 11 the intent to distribute any of the following controlled substances or 12 controlled substance analogs thereof:

13 (1) Opiates, opium or narcotic drugs, or any stimulant designated in 14 subsection (d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1), 15 and amendments thereto;

(2) any depressant designated in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4105(e),
subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4107(e), subsection (b) or (c) of K.S.A. 65-4109(b) or (c) or subsection (b) of K.S.A. 65-4111(b), and amendments
thereto;

20 (3) any stimulant designated in-subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-4105(f), 21 subsection (d)(2), (d)(4), (d)(5) or (f)(2) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(2), (d)(4), 22 (d)(5) or (f)(2) or-subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4109(e), and amendments 23 thereto;

(4) any hallucinogenic drug designated in-subsection (d) of K.S.A.
65-4105(d), subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4107(g) or subsection (g) of
K.S.A. 65-4109(g), and amendments thereto;

27 (5) any substance designated in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4105(g)28 and subsection (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of K.S.A. or 65-4111(c), (d), (e), (f) 29 or (g), and amendments thereto;

30 (6) any anabolic steroids as defined in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-31 4109(f), and amendments thereto; or

32 (7) any substance designated in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 65-4105(h),
33 and amendments thereto.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with

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the intent to distribute a controlled substance or a controlled substance

(d) (1) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) is a:

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to cultivate any controlled

analog designated in K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto.

substance or controlled substance analog listed in subsection (a).

6 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was 7 less than 3.5 grams; 8 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at 9 least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams; (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at 10 least 100 grams but less than 1 kilogram; and 11 12 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 1 13 kilogram or more. 14 (2) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) with respect 15 to material containing any quantity of marijuana, or an analog thereof, is a: 16 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was 17 less than 25 grams; (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at 18 19 least 25 grams but less than 450 grams; 20 (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at 21 least 450 grams but less than 30 kilograms; and 22 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 30 23 kilograms or more. 24 (3) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) with 25 respect to material containing any quantity of *a fentanvl-related controlled* substance, heroin, as defined by subsection (c)(1) of K.S.A. 65-4105(c) 26 27 (12), and amendments thereto, or methamphetamine, as defined by subsection (d)(3) or (f)(1) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(3) or (f)(1), and 28 29 amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, is a: 30 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was 31 less than 1 gram; 32 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at 33 least 1 gram but less than 3.5 grams; (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at 34 35 least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams; and 36 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 37 100 grams or more. 38 (4) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) with 39 respect to material containing any quantity of a controlled substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4105, 65-4107, 65-4109 or 65-4111, and 40 41 amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, distributed by dosage unit, is a: 42 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the number of dosage units was 43 fewer than 10;

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(B) drug severity level 3 felony if the number of dosage units was at 1 least 10 but-less fewer than 100: 2

(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of dosage units was at 3 least 100 but-less fewer than 1,000; and 4

5 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of dosage units was 6 1.000 or more.

7 (5) Violation of subsection (a) with respect to material containing 8 any quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance, distributed by dosage unit, is a: 9

(A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the number of dosage units was 10 fewer than 10: 11

12 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the number of dosage units was at least 10 but fewer than 50; 13

(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of dosage units was at 14 least 50 but fewer than 250; and 15

16 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of dosage units was 17 250 or more.

18 (6) For any violation of subsection (a), the severity level of the 19 offense shall be increased one level if the controlled substance or 20 controlled substance analog was distributed or possessed with the intent to 21 distribute on or within 1,000 feet of any school property.

(6)(7) Violation of subsection (b) is a:

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23 (A) Class A person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection 24 (d)(6)(B)(d)(7)(B); and

25 (B) nondrug severity level 7, person felony if the substance was distributed to or possessed with the intent to distribute to a minor. 26 27

(7)(8) Violation of subsection (c) is a:

28 (A) Drug severity level 3 felony if the number of plants cultivated 29 was more than 4 but fewer than 50;

(B) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of plants cultivated was 30 31 at least 50 but fewer than 100; and

32 (C) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of plants cultivated was 33 100 or more.

(e) In any prosecution under this section, there shall be<u>a rebuttable</u> 34 presumption an inference of an intent to distribute if-any such an 35 inference is supported by the facts and such person possesses the 36 37 following quantities of controlled substances or analogs thereof:

38 (1) 450 grams or more of *material containing any quantity of* 39 marijuana;

40 (2) 3.5 grams or more of <u>material containing any quantity of</u> a *fentanyl-related controlled substance*, heroin or methamphetamine; 41

(3) 50 dosage units or more containing any quantity of a fentanyl-42 related controlled substance; 43

1 (4) 100 dosage units or more containing—a *any other* controlled 2 substance; or

3 (4)(5) 100 grams or more of<u>*material containing*</u> any other controlled 4 substance.

5 (f) It shall not be a defense to charges arising under this section that 6 the defendant:

7 (1) Was acting in an agency relationship on behalf of any other party
8 in a transaction involving a controlled substance or controlled substance
9 analog;

10 (2) did not know the quantity of the controlled substance or 11 controlled substance analog; or

(3) did not know the specific controlled substance or controlled
substance analog contained in the material that was distributed or
possessed with the intent to distribute.

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(g) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Material" means the total amount of any substance, including a 17 compound or a mixture, which contains any quantity of a controlled 18 substance or controlled substance analog.

(2) "Dosage unit" means a controlled substance or controlled
substance analog distributed or possessed with the intent to distribute as a
discrete unit, including but not limited to, one pill, one capsule or one
microdot, and not distributed by weight.

(A) For steroids, or controlled substances in liquid solution legally
manufactured for prescription use, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit"
means the smallest medically approved dosage unit, as determined by the
label, materials provided by the manufacturer, a prescribing authority,
licensed health care professional or other qualified health authority.

(B) For illegally manufactured controlled substances in liquid
solution, or controlled substances in liquid products not intended for
ingestion by human beings, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit" means 10
milligrams, including the liquid carrier medium, except as provided in
subsection (g)(2)(C).

(C) For lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) in liquid form, or an analog
 thereof, a dosage unit is defined as 0.4 milligrams, including the liquid
 medium.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-6805 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6805. (a) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes. The following sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes shall be applicable to felony crimes under K.S.A. 21-5701 through 21-5717, and amendments thereto, except as otherwise provided by law:

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1 (b) Sentences expressed in the sentencing guidelines grid for drug 2 crimes in subsection (a) represent months of imprisonment.

3 (c) (1) The sentencing court has discretion to sentence at any place 4 within the sentencing range. In the usual case it is recommended that 5 the sentencing judge select the center of the range and reserve the upper 6 and lower limits for aggravating and mitigating factors insufficient to 7 warrant a departure. The sentencing court shall not distinguish between 8 the controlled substances cocaine base (9041L000) and cocaine 9 hydrochloride (9041L005) when sentencing within the sentencing 10 range of the grid block.

(2) In presumptive imprisonment cases, the sentencing court shallpronounce the complete sentence which shall include the:

(A) Prison sentence;

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14 (B) maximum potential reduction to such sentence as a result of 15 good time; and

16 (C) period of postrelease supervision at the sentencing hearing.
17 Failure to pronounce the period of postrelease supervision shall not
18 negate the existence of such period of postrelease supervision.

(3) In presumptive nonprison cases, the sentencing court shallpronounce the prison sentence as well as the duration of the nonprisonsanction at the sentencing hearing.

22 (d) Each grid block states the presumptive sentencing range for an 23 offender whose crime of conviction and criminal history place such 24 offender in that grid block. If an offense is classified in a grid block 25 below the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be 26 nonimprisonment. If an offense is classified in a grid block above the 27 dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be imprisonment. If 28 an offense is classified in grid blocks 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H, 4-I, 5-C or 5-29 D, the court may impose an optional nonprison sentence as provided in 30 K.S.A. 21-6804(q), and amendments thereto.

31 (e) The sentence for a second or subsequent conviction for 32 unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, K.S.A. 65-4159, 33 prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, prior to its transfer, K.S.A. 21-5703, and amendments thereto, or a substantially similar 34 35 offense from another jurisdiction, if the controlled substance in any prior conviction was methamphetamine, as defined by K.S.A. 65-36 37 4107(d)(3) or (f)(1), and amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, 38 shall be a presumptive term of imprisonment of two times the 39 maximum duration of the presumptive term of imprisonment. The court 40 may impose an optional reduction in such sentence of not to exceed 41 50% of the mandatory increase provided by this subsection upon 42 making a finding on the record that one or more of the mitigating 43 factors as specified in K.S.A. 21-6815, and amendments thereto, justify

such a reduction in sentence. Any decision made by the court regarding
 the reduction in such sentence shall not be considered a departure and
 shall not be subject to appeal.

(f) (1) The sentence for a third or subsequent felony conviction of 4 5 K.S.A. 65-4160 or 65-4162, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a06, prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 21-5706, and amendments 6 7 thereto, shall be a presumptive term of imprisonment and the defendant 8 shall be sentenced to prison as provided by this section. The defendant's term of imprisonment shall be served in the custody of the secretary of 9 10 corrections in a facility designated by the secretary. Subject to appropriations therefore, the defendant shall participate in an intensive 11 12 substance abuse treatment program, of at least four months duration, 13 selected by the secretary of corrections. If the secretary determines that 14 substance abuse treatment resources are otherwise available, such term 15 of imprisonment may be served in a facility designated by the secretary of corrections in the custody of the secretary of corrections to 16 17 participate in an intensive substance abuse treatment program. The 18 secretary's determination regarding the availability of treatment 19 resources shall not be subject to review. Upon the successful 20 completion of such intensive treatment program, the offender shall be returned to the court and the court may modify the sentence by 21 directing that a less severe penalty be imposed in lieu of that originally 22 23 adjudged. If the offender's term of imprisonment expires, the offender 24 shall be placed under the applicable period of postrelease supervision.

25 (2) Such defendant's term of imprisonment shall not be subject to 26 modification under paragraph (1) if:

(A) The defendant has previously completed a certified drug abuse
treatment program, as provided in K.S.A. 75-52,144, and amendments
thereto;

30 (B) has been discharged or refused to participate in a certified 31 drug abuse treatment program, as provided in K.S.A. 75-52,144, and 32 amendments thereto;

(C) has completed an intensive substance abuse treatment program
 under paragraph (1); or

(D) has been discharged or refused to participate in an intensivesubstance abuse treatment program under paragraph (1).

37 (3) The sentence under this subsection shall not be considered a 38 departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

(g) (1) Except as provided further, if the trier of fact makes a
finding that an offender carried a firearm to commit a drug felony, or in
furtherance of a drug felony, possessed a firearm, in addition to the

42 sentence imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 21-6801 through 21-6824, and

43 amendments thereto, the offender shall be sentenced to:

1 (A) Except as provided in subsection (g)(1)(B), an additional 6 2 months' imprisonment; and

3 (B) if the trier of fact makes a finding that the firearm was 4 discharged, an additional 18 months' imprisonment.

5 (2) The sentence imposed pursuant to subsection (g)(1) shall be 6 presumptive imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a 7 departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

8 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to violations 9 of K.S.A. 21-5706 or 21-5713, and amendments thereto.

10 (h) (1) The sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 21-5703, and 11 amendments thereto, *the following* with respect to material containing 12 any quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance shall be 13 presumed imprisonment and shall be two times the maximum duration 14 of the presumptive term of imprisonment:

15 (A) K.S.A. 21-5703, and amendments thereto; and

16 *(B) K.S.A.* 21-5705, and amendments thereto, if the violation is 17 classified as a drug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony.

18 (2) Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not19 be subject to appeal.

(i) The sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 21-5703 or 21-5705, and
amendments thereto, shall be presumed imprisonment and shall be two
times the maximum duration of the presumptive term of imprisonment
if the trier of fact makes a finding beyond a reasonable doubt that the
controlled substance involved, because of its appearance or packaging,
was likely to be attractive to minors. Such sentence shall not be
considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

27 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 21-5705 and 21-6805 are hereby repealed.

28 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 29 publication in the statute book.