AN ACT concerning the commissioner of juvenile justice; powers to
establish new community based service alternatives to residential care;
new residential services levels and establishment of performance
measures.

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

Section 1. (a) In order to ensure the most effective and efficient
juvenile justice services are delivered in Kansas, the commissioner of
juvenile justice may establish new and innovative community based
programming as an alternative to residential care for juvenile offenders.

(b) In order to improve the efficacy and efficiency of the residential
service system for juvenile offenders and to ensure their criminogenic
needs are addressed, the commissioner of juvenile justice may establish
new standards and performance-based outcomes.

(c) The commissioner as part of changing any existing program or
establishing new programming may:

(1) Establish performance measures and standards for each
community based service, which include admission and discharge criteria
and appropriate lengths of service;

(2) Establish contractual reporting timelines for data to be submitted
related to performance measures to be collected from each contracted
provider. Data shall be collected not less than quarterly;

(3) Establish mechanisms for the longitudinal reporting and tracking
of youth to determine both short and long term efficacy of the programs;

(4) Establish evidence-based practices or cognitive behavioral
interventions which may be required to be provided by the program;

(5) Require the use of an evidence-based screening or assessment tool
for youth to be eligible for any service; and

(6) Establish requirements that are more stringent than the licensing
standards used by the department of health and environment to be a
contract provider.

(d) Performance measures shall have standard definitions which are
established by the commissioner. Performance measures may include, but
not be limited to:

(1) Recidivism rates of youth served by the program are consistent
with national best practices;
(2) youth's educational progress or attainment of a high school
diploma, general educational development (GED) certificate or progress in
a career or technical education program;
(3) measures of safety and welfare of the youth, which may include
such things as the number of runaways from the facility, number of
substantiated reports of abuse or neglect, number of injuries sustained by
youth or staff or other incidents;
(4) measures of the programs engagement in community activities
promoting pro-social relationships such as faith-based programming,
opportunities for mentorship and community service; and
(5) any measure determined by the commissioner which would
demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of the program on addressing
the needs of juvenile offenders.
(e) The commissioner may make public and distribute each contract
provider's performance related to performance measures.
Sec. 2. The commissioner of juvenile justice shall report to the house
committee on corrections and juvenile justice and the senate committee on
judiciary at the beginning of the 2014 legislative session the progress that
has been made toward establishing new community based services and
performance measures.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.