**38-2221. Fingerprints and photographs.** (a) Fingerprints or photographs of a person alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of care may be taken:

- (1) By a person authorized to investigate an allegation or suspicion of child abuse or neglect to obtain and preserve evidence or to determine the identity of a child;
- (2) as authorized by K.S.A. 38-1611, and amendments thereto; or
- (3) if authorized by a judge of the district court having jurisdiction.
- (b) Fingerprints and photographs taken under subsection (a)(3):
- (1) Shall be kept separate from those of persons of the age of majority; and
- (2) may be sent to a state or federal repository only if authorized by a judge of the district court having jurisdiction.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the custodian of the child from authorizing photographs or fingerprints of the child to:
- (1) Be used in any action under the Kansas parentage act, K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 23-2201 et seq., and amendments thereto:
- (2) assist in the apprehension of a runaway child;
- (3) assist in the adoption or other permanent placement of a child; or
- (4) provide the child or the child's parents with a history of the child's life and development.
- (d) For purposes of this section, the term photograph means an image or likeness of a child made or reproduced by any medium or means.

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