SENATE BILL No. 418


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

New Section 1. Sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the host families act.

New Sec. 2. As used in the host families act:
(a) “Charitable organization” has the same meaning as defined in K.S.A. 17-1760, and amendments thereto.
(b) “Child placement agency” means a business or service conducted, maintained or operated by a person engaged in finding homes for children by placing or arranging for the placement of such children for adoption or foster care and licensed by the state of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 65-501, and amendments thereto.
(c) “Host family” means an individual or family who provides temporary care under this act.
(d) “Parent,” when used in relation to a child or children, includes a guardian and every person who is by law liable to maintain, care for or support the child.
(e) “Serving parent” means a parent who is a member of the reserves of the army, navy, air force, marine corps or coast guard of the United States or the commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration or the public health service of the United States department of health and human services detailed by proper authority for duty with the army or navy of the United States, or who is required to enter or serve in the active military service of the United States under a call or order of the president of the United States or to serve on state active duty.

New Sec. 3. (a) A child placement agency, or other Kansas charitable organization working under an agreement with a child placement agency, may establish a program in which it coordinates with private organizations to provide temporary care of children by placing a child with a host family.
(b) (1) A program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall include screening and background checks for potential host families. Such screening and background checks shall be the same as the screening and background checks required for obtaining and maintaining a license to operate a family foster home pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the secretary for children and families.
(2) A host family shall not receive payment other than reimbursement for actual expenses of providing temporary care for the child.
(c) Any placement of a child into a program established pursuant to subsection (a):
(1) Shall be voluntary and shall not be considered an out-of-home placement by the state;
(2) shall not supersede any order under the revised Kansas code for care of children or any other court order; and
(3) shall not preclude any investigation of suspected abuse or neglect.
(d) (1) A parent may place a child into a program established pursuant to subsection (a) by executing a power of attorney delegating to a host family any of the powers regarding the care and custody of the child, except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of the child, the performance or inducement of an abortion on or for the child, or the termination of parental rights to the child. Such placement of a child shall not be allowed without the consent of all individuals who have legal custody of the child.
(2) (A) A power of attorney executed pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed one year in duration, except that such power of attorney may be renewed for one additional year.
(B) A serving parent may execute a power of attorney pursuant to this section for a duration longer than one year if on active duty service, and the duration of such power of attorney shall not exceed the term of active duty service plus 30 days.
(3) A delegation of powers pursuant to this subsection shall not: (A) Deprive any parent of any parental or legal authority regarding the care
and custody of the child; (B) deprive any non-delegating parent of any parental or legal authority regarding the child, if such parent’s rights have not otherwise been terminated or relinquished as provided by law; or (C) affect any parental or legal authority otherwise limited by a court order.

(4) A parent executing a power of attorney pursuant to this subsection shall have the authority to revoke or withdraw the power of attorney at any time. If a parent withdraws or revokes the power of attorney, the child shall be returned to the custody of the parent as soon as reasonably possible.

(5) The execution of a power of attorney by a parent pursuant to this subsection shall not be evidence of abandonment, abuse or neglect as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2202, and amendments thereto.

(6) A power of attorney executed pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed sufficient if in substantial compliance with the form set forth by the judicial council. The judicial council shall develop a form for use under this subsection.

New Sec. 4. During any child protective investigation by the Kansas department for children and families that does not result in an out-of-home placement due to abuse of a child, the department is authorized and encouraged to provide information to the parent or custodian about community service programs that provide respite care, voluntary guardianship or other support services for families in crisis, including organizations that operate programs authorized under section 3, and amendments thereto. In providing information, the department is authorized to exercise its discretion in recommending programs, organizations and resources to the parent or custodian.

New Sec. 5. The Kansas department for children and families is hereby authorized to work with families who are in financial distress, unemployed, homeless or experiencing other family crises by detailing community resources available to such families in the community, including, but not limited to, respite care, voluntary guardianship under the host families act and information regarding child placement agencies and other charitable organizations that operate programs authorized under section 3, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 6. (a) Immediately after receiving information that a child has been identified as a victim of human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, and in no case later than 24 hours after receiving such information, the secretary shall report such information to law enforcement agencies of jurisdiction.

(b) Immediately after receiving information that a child in the custody of the secretary is missing, and in no case later than 24 hours after receiving such information, the secretary shall report such information to the national center for missing and exploited children and the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction from which the child is missing. The law enforcement agency shall enter such information into the missing person system of the national crime information center and the missing and unidentified person system of the Kansas bureau of investigation, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-712c, and amendments thereto.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised Kansas code for care of children.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 23-3203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 23-3203. (a) In determining the issue of legal custody, residency and parenting time of a child, the court shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to:

1. Each parent’s role and involvement with the minor child before and after separation;
2. the desires of the child’s parents as to custody or residency;
3. the desires of a child of sufficient age and maturity as to the child’s custody or residency;
4. the age of the child;
5. the emotional and physical needs of the child;
6. the interaction and interrelationship of the child with parents, siblings and any other person who may significantly affect the child’s best interests;
7. the child’s adjustment to the child’s home, school and community;
8. the willingness and ability of each parent to respect and ap-
preciate the bond between the child and the other parent and to allow
for a continuing relationship between the child and the other parent;

(i) evidence of spousal abuse, either emotional or physical;

(ii) the ability of the parties to communicate, cooperate and manage
parental duties;

(iii) the school activity schedule of the child;

(iv) the work schedule of the parties;

(v) the location of the parties’ residences and places of employment;

(vi) the location of the child’s school;

(vii) whether a parent is subject to the registration requirements
of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and
amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under mil-
tary or federal law;

(viii) whether a parent has been convicted of abuse of a child,
K.S.A. 21-3609, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5602, and
amendments thereto;

(ix) whether a parent is residing with an individual who is subject
to registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act,
K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any
other state, or under military or federal law; and

(x) whether a parent is residing with an individual who has been
convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A.
2015 Supp. 21-5602, and amendments thereto.

(b) To aid in determining the issue of legal custody, residency and
parenting time of a child, the court may order a parent to undergo a
domestic violence offender assessment conducted by a certified batterer
intervention program and may order such parent to follow all recommen-
dations made by such program.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2201 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 38-2201. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2201 through 38-2283, and
amendments thereto, shall be known as and may be cited as the revised
Kansas code for care of children.

(a) Proceedings pursuant to this code shall be civil in nature and all
proceedings, orders, judgments and decrees shall be deemed to be pur-
suant to the parental power of the state. Any orders pursuant to this code
shall take precedence over any similar order under chapter 23 of the
Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the Kansas family
law code, article 11 of chapter 38 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto, determination of parentage, article 21 of chapter
59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, adoption
and relinquishment act, article 30 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto, guardians and conservators, or ar-
ticle 31 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments
thereto, protection from abuse act, until jurisdiction under this code is
terminated.

(b) The code shall be liberally construed to carry out the policies of
the state which are to:

(1) Consider the safety and welfare of a child to be paramount in all
proceedings under the code;

(2) provide that each child who comes within the provisions of the
code shall receive the care, custody, guidance control and discipline that
will best serve the child’s welfare and the interests of the state; preferably
in the child’s home and recognizing that the child’s relationship with such
child’s family is important to the child’s well being;

(3) make the ongoing physical, mental and emotional needs of the
child decisive considerations in proceedings under this code;

(4) acknowledge that the time perception of a child differs from that
of an adult and to dispose of all proceedings under this code without
unnecessary delay;

(5) encourage the reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect;

(6) investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect thor-
oughly and promptly;

(7) provide for the protection of children who have been subject to
physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse;

(8) provide preventative and rehabilitative services, when appropri-
ate, to abused and neglected children and their families so, if possible, the families can remain together without further threat to the children;

(9) provide stability in the life of a child who must be removed from the home of a parent; and

(10) place children in permanent family settings, in absence of compelling reasons to the contrary.

c) Nothing in this code shall be construed to permit discrimination on the basis of disability.

(1) The disability of a parent shall not constitute a basis for a determination that a child is a child in need of care, for the removal of custody of a child from the parent, or for the termination of parental rights without a specific showing that there is a causal relation between the disability and harm to the child.

(2) In cases involving a parent with a disability, determinations made under this code shall consider the availability and use of accommodations for the disability, including adaptive equipment and support services.

d) (1) Nothing in this code shall be construed to permit any person to compel a parent to medicate a child if the parent is acting in accordance with medical advice from a physician. The actions of a parent in such circumstances shall not constitute a basis for a determination that a child is a child in need of care, for the removal of custody of a child from the parent, or for the termination of parental rights without a specific showing that there is a causal relation between the actions and harm to the child.

(2) As used in this subsection, “physician” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the state board of healing arts or by an equivalent licensing board or entity in any state.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2202. As used in the revised Kansas code for care of children, unless the context otherwise indicates:

(a) “Abandon” or “abandonment” means to forsake, desert or, without making appropriate provision for substitute care, cease providing care for the child.

(b) “Adult correction facility” means any public or private facility, secure or nonsecure, which is used for the lawful custody of accused or convicted adult criminal offenders.

(c) “Aggravated circumstances” means the abandonment, torture, chronic abuse, sexual abuse or chronic, life threatening neglect of a child.

(d) “Child in need of care” means a person less than 18 years of age at the time of filing of the petition or issuance of an ex parte protective custody order pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2242, and amendments thereto, who:

(1) Is without adequate parental care, control or subsistence and the condition is not due solely to the lack of financial means of the child’s parents or other custodian;

(2) is without the care or control necessary for the child’s physical, mental or emotional health;

(3) has been physically, mentally or emotionally abused or neglected or sexually abused;

(4) has been placed for care or adoption in violation of law;

(5) has been abandoned or does not have a known living parent;

(6) is not attending school as required by K.S.A. 72-977 or 72-1111, and amendments thereto;

(7) except in the case of a violation of K.S.A. 41-727, K.S.A. 74-8810(j), K.S.A. 79-3321(m) or (n), or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6301(a)(14), and amendments thereto, or, except as provided in paragraph (12), does an act which, when committed by a person under 18 years of age, is prohibited by state law, city ordinance or county resolution but which is not prohibited when done by an adult;

(8) while less than 10 years of age, commits any act which if done by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5102, and amendments thereto;

(9) is willfully and voluntarily absent from the child’s home without the consent of the child’s parent or other custodian;

(10) is willfully and voluntarily absent at least a second time from a court ordered or designated placement, or a placement pursuant to court order, if the absence is without the consent of the person with whom the
child is placed or, if the child is placed in a facility, without the consent of the person in charge of such facility or such person's designee; 

(11) has been residing in the same residence with a sibling or another person under 18 years of age, who has been physically, mentally or emotionally abused or neglected, or sexually abused; 

(12) while less than 10 years of age commits the offense defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6301(a)(14), and amendments thereto; or 

(13) has had a permanent custodian appointed and the permanent custodian is no longer able or willing to serve; or 

(14) has been subjected to an act which would constitute human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, or has committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6419, and amendments thereto.

(e) "Citizen review board" is a group of community volunteers appointed by the court and whose duties are prescribed by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2207 and 38-2208, and amendments thereto.

(f) "Civil custody case" includes any case filed under chapter 23 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the Kansas family law code, article 11, of chapter 38 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, determination of parentage, article 21 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, adoption and relinquishment act, or article 30 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, guardians and conservators.

(g) "Court-appointed special advocate" means a responsible adult other than an attorney guardian ad litem who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child, as provided in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2206, and amendments thereto, in a proceeding pursuant to this code.

(h) "Custody" whether temporary, protective or legal, means the status created by court order or statute which vests in a custodian, whether an individual or an agency, the right to physical possession of the child and the right to determine placement of the child, subject to restrictions placed by the court.

(i) "Extended out of home placement" means a child has been in the custody of the secretary and placed with neither parent for 15 of the most recent 22 months beginning 60 days after the date at which a child in the custody of the secretary was removed from the home.

(j) "Educational institution" means all schools at the elementary and secondary levels.

(k) "Educator" means any administrator, teacher or other professional or paraprofessional employee of an educational institution who has exposure to a pupil specified in K.S.A. 72-89b03(a), and amendments thereto.

(l) "Harm" means physical or psychological injury or damage.

(m) "Interested party" means the grandparent of the child, a person with whom the child has been living for a significant period of time when the child in need of care petition is filed, and any person made an interested party by the court pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2241, and amendments thereto, or Indian tribe seeking to intervene that is not a party.

(n) "Jail" means:

(1) An adult jail or lockup; or

(2) a facility in the same building or on the same grounds as an adult jail or lockup, unless the facility meets all applicable standards and licensure requirements under law and there is: (A) Total separation of the juvenile and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no hazardous or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the respective facilities; (B) total separation in all juvenile and adult program activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping and general living activities; and (C) separate juvenile and adult staff, including management, security staff and direct care staff such as recreational, educational and counseling.

(o) "Juvenile detention facility" means any secure public or private facility used for the lawful custody of accused or adjudicated juvenile offenders which must not be a jail.
(p) "Juvenile intake and assessment worker" means a responsible adult authorized to perform intake and assessment services as part of the intake and assessment system established pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and amendments thereto.

(q) "Kinship care" means the placement of a child in the home of the child's relative or in the home of another adult with whom the child or the child's parent already has a close emotional attachment.

(r) "Law enforcement officer" means any person who by virtue of office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for crimes, whether that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes.

(s) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group of persons, appointed by the court under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2228, and amendments thereto, which has knowledge of the circumstances of a child in need of care.

(t) "Neglect" means acts or omissions by a parent, guardian or person responsible for the care of a child resulting in harm to a child, or presenting a likelihood of harm, and the acts or omissions are not due solely to the lack of financial means of the child's parents or other custodian. Neglect may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Failure to provide the child with food, clothing or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child;

(2) failure to provide adequate supervision of a child or to remove a child from a situation which requires judgment or actions beyond the child's level of maturity, physical condition or mental abilities and that results in bodily injury or a likelihood of harm to the child; or

(3) failure to use resources available to treat a diagnosed medical condition if such treatment will make a child substantially more comfortable, reduce pain and suffering, or correct or substantially diminish a crippling condition from worsening. A parent legitimately practicing religious beliefs who does not provide specified medical treatment for a child because of religious beliefs shall not for that reason be considered a negligent parent; however, this exception shall not preclude a court from entering an order pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2217(a)(2), and amendments thereto.

(u) "Parent" when used in relation to a child or children, includes a guardian and every person who is by law liable to maintain, care for or support the child.

(v) "Party" means the state, the petitioner, the child, any parent of the child and an Indian child's tribe intervening pursuant to the Indian child welfare act.

(w) "Permanency goal" means the outcome of the permanency planning process which may be reintegration, adoption, appointment of a permanent custodian or another planned permanent living arrangement.

(x) "Permanent custodian" means a judicially approved permanent guardian of a child pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2272, and amendments thereto.

(y) "Physical, mental or emotional abuse" means the infliction of physical, mental or emotional harm or the causing of a deterioration of a child and may include, but shall not be limited to, maltreatment or exploiting a child to the extent that the child's health or emotional well-being is endangered.

(z) "Placement" means the designation by the individual or agency having custody of where and with whom the child will live.

(aa) "Reasonable and prudent parenting standard" means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in foster care under the responsibility of the state to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural and social activities.

(bb) "Relative" means a person related by blood, marriage or adoption but, when referring to a relative of a child's parent, does not include the child's other parent.

(cc) "Runaway" means a child who is willfully and voluntarily absent from the child's home without the consent of the child's parent or other custodian.

(dd) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department for children and families or the secretary's designee.
"Secure facility" means a facility, other than a staff secure facility which is operated or structured so as to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are under the exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the person being detained has freedom of movement within the perimeters of the facility, or which relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences or physical restraint in order to control behavior of its residents. No secure facility shall be in a city or county jail.

"Sexual abuse" means any contact or interaction with a child in which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of the perpetrator, the child or another person. Sexual abuse shall include, but is not limited to, allowing, permitting or encouraging a child to engage in the sale of sexual relations or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, or as:

1. Be photographed, filmed or depicted in pornographic material, sexual abuse also shall include allowing, permitting or encouraging a child to engage in,

2. be subjected to aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if committed in whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the offender or another, or be subjected to an act which would constitute conduct prescribed by article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6419 or 21-6422, and amendments thereto.

"Shelter facility" means any public or private facility or home, other than a juvenile detention facility or staff secure facility, that may be used in accordance with this code for the purpose of providing either temporary placement for children in need of care prior to the issuance of a dispositional order or longer term care under a dispositional order.

"Staff secure facility" means a facility described in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-535, and amendments thereto: (1) That does not include construction features designed to physically restrict the movements and activities of juvenile residents who are placed therein; (2) that may establish reasonable rules restricting entrance to and egress from the facility; and (3) in which the movements and activities of individual juvenile residents may, for treatment purposes, be restricted or subject to control through the use of intensive staff supervision. No staff secure facility shall be in a city or county jail.

"Transition plan" means, when used in relation to a youth in the custody of the secretary, an individualized strategy for the provision of medical, mental health, education, employment and housing supports as needed for the adult and, if applicable, for any minor child of the adult, to live independently and specifically provides for the supports and any services for which an adult with a disability is eligible including, but not limited to, funding for home and community based services waivers.

"Youth residential facility" means any home, foster home or structure which provides 24-hour-a-day care for children and which is licensed pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38-2210. To facilitate investigation and ensure the provision of necessary services to children who may be in need of care and such children’s families, the following persons and entities with responsibilities concerning a child who is alleged or adjudicated to be in need of care shall freely exchange information:

(a) The secretary.
(b) The commissioner of juvenile justice, secretary of corrections.
(c) The law enforcement agency receiving such report.
(d) Members of a court appointed multidisciplinary team.
(e) An entity mandated by federal law or an agency of any state authorized to receive and investigate reports of a child known or suspected to be in need of care.
(f) A military enclave or Indian tribal organization authorized to receive and investigate reports of a child known or suspected to be in need of care.
(g) A county or district attorney with responsibility for filing a petition pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2214, and amendments thereto.

(h) A court services officer who has taken a child into custody pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2231, and amendments thereto.
(i) An intake and assessment worker.

(j) Any community corrections program which has the child under court ordered supervision.

(k) The department of health and environment or persons authorized by the department of health and environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-512, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of carrying out responsibilities relating to licensure or registration of child care providers as required by article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(l) The interstate compact for juveniles compact administrator for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities related to the interstate compact for juveniles.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2211 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2211. (a) Access to the official file. The following persons or entities shall have access to the official file of a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to this code:

(1) The court having jurisdiction over the proceedings, including the presiding judge and any court personnel designated by the judge.

(2) The parties to the proceedings and their attorneys.

(3) The guardian ad litem for a child who is the subject of the proceeding.

(4) A court appointed special advocate for a child who is the subject of the proceeding or a paid staff member of a court appointed special advocate program.

(5) Any individual, or any public or private agency or institution, having custody of the child under court order or providing educational, medical or mental health services to the child or any placement provider or potential placement provider as determined by the secretary or court services officer.

(6) A citizen review board.

(7) The commissioner of juvenile justice or any agents designated by the commissioner.

(8) Any county or district attorney from another jurisdiction with a pending child in need of care matter regarding any of the same parties.

(9) Any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order.

(b) Access to the social file. The following persons or entities shall have access to the social file of a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to this code:

(1) The court having jurisdiction over the proceeding, including the presiding judge and any court personnel designated by the judge.

(2) The attorney for a party to the proceeding or the person or persons designated by an Indian tribe that is a party.

(3) The guardian ad litem for a child who is the subject of the proceeding.

(4) A court appointed special advocate for a child who is the subject of the proceeding or a paid staff member of a court appointed special advocate program.

(5) A citizen review board.

(6) The secretary.

(7) The secretary of corrections.

(8) Any county or district attorney from another jurisdiction with a pending child in need of care matter regarding any of the same parties or interested parties.

(9) Any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order.

(c) Preservation of records. The Kansas state historical society shall be allowed to take possession for preservation in the state archives of any court records related to proceedings under the Kansas code for care of children whenever such records otherwise would be destroyed. No such records in the custody of the Kansas state historical society shall be closed directly or indirectly to anyone for 70 years after creation of the records, except as provided in subsections (a) and (b). Pursuant to sub-
sections (a)(8) and (b)(9), a judge of the district court may allow inspection for research purposes of any court records in the custody of the Kansas state historical society related to proceedings under the Kansas code for care of children.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2231 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2231. (a) A law enforcement officer or court services officer shall take a child under 18 years of age into custody when:

1. The law enforcement officer or court services officer has a court order commanding that the child be taken into custody as a child in need of care; or
2. the law enforcement officer or court services officer has probable cause to believe that a court order commanding that the child be taken into custody as a child in need of care has been issued in this state or in another jurisdiction.

(b) A law enforcement officer shall take a child under 18 years of age into custody when the officer:

1. Reasonably believes the child will be harmed if not immediately removed from the place or residence where the child has been found;
2. has probable cause to believe that the child is a runaway or a missing person or a verified missing person entry for the child can be found in the national crime information center missing person system; or
3. reasonably believes the child is a victim of human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child.

(c) (1) If a person provides shelter to a child whom the person knows is a runaway, such person shall promptly report the child’s location either to a law enforcement agency or to the child’s parent or other custodian.
(2) If a person reports a runaway’s location to a law enforcement agency pursuant to this section and a law enforcement officer of the agency has reasonable grounds to believe that it is in the child’s best interests, the child may be allowed to remain in the place where shelter is being provided, subject to subsection (b), in the absence of a court order to the contrary. If the child is allowed to so remain, the law enforcement agency shall promptly notify the secretary of the child’s location and circumstances.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (b), a law enforcement officer may temporarily detain and assume temporary custody of any child subject to compulsory school attendance, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1111, and amendments thereto, during the hours school is actually in session and shall deliver the child pursuant to subsection (g) of K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2232(g), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2263 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2263. (a) The goal of permanency planning is to assure, in so far as is possible, that children have permanency and stability in their living situations and that the continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved. In planning for permanency, the safety and well being of children shall be paramount.

(b) Whenever a child is subject to the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to the code, an initial permanency plan shall be developed for the child and submitted to the court within 30 days of the initial order of the court. If the child is in the custody of the secretary, or the secretary is providing services to the child, the secretary shall prepare the plan. Otherwise, the plan shall be prepared by the person who has custody or, if directed by the court, by a court services officer.

(c) A permanency plan is a written document prepared in consultation with the child, if the child is 14 years of age or older and the child is able, and, where possible, in consultation with the child’s parents, and which:

1. Describes the permanency goal which, if achieved, will most likely give the child a permanent and safe living arrangement;
2. describes the child’s level of physical health, mental and emotional health, and educational functioning;
3. provides an assessment of the needs of the child and family;
4. describes the services to be provided the child, the child’s parents and the child’s foster parents, if appropriate;
5. includes a description of the tasks and responsibilities designed to achieve the plan and to whom assigned; and
includes measurable objectives and time schedules for achieving the plan.
(d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c), if the child is in an out of home placement, the permanency plan shall include:
(1) A plan for reintegration of the child’s parent or parents or if reintegration is determined not to be a viable alternative, a statement for the basis of that conclusion and a plan for another permanent living arrangement;
(2) a description of the available placement alternatives;
(3) a justification for the placement selected, including a description of the safety and appropriateness of the placement; and
(4) a description of the programs and services which will help the child prepare to live independently as an adult.
(e) If there is a lack of agreement among persons necessary for the success of the permanency plan, the person or entity having custody of the child shall notify the court which shall set a hearing on the plan.
(f) A permanency plan may be amended at any time upon agreement of the plan participants. If a permanency plan requires amendment which changes the permanency goal, the person or entity having custody of the child shall notify the court which shall set a permanency hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2264 and 38-2265, and amendments thereto.
Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2264 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2264. (a) A permanency hearing is a proceeding conducted by the court or by a citizen review board for the purpose of determining progress toward accomplishment of a permanency plan as established by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2263, and amendments thereto.
(b) The court or a citizen review board shall hear and the court shall determine whether and, if applicable, when the child will be:
(1) Reintegrated with the child’s parents;
(2) placed for adoption;
(3) placed with a permanent custodian; or
(4) if the child is 16 years of age or older and the secretary has documented compelling reasons why it would not be in the child’s best interests for a placement in one of the placements pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2) or (3), placed in another planned permanent arrangement.
(c) At each permanency hearing, the court shall:
(1) Enter a finding as to whether reasonable efforts have been made by appropriate public or private agencies to rehabilitate the family and achieve the permanency goal in place at the time of the hearing;
(2) enter a finding as to whether the reasonable and prudent parenting standard has been met and whether the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities. The secretary shall report to the court the steps the secretary is taking to ensure that the child’s foster family home or child care institution is following the reasonable and prudent parenting standard and that the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities, including consultation with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child to participate in the activities;
(3) if the child is 14 years of age or older, document the efforts made by the secretary to help the child prepare for the transition from custody to a successful adulthood. The secretary shall report to the court the programs and services that are being provided to the child which will help the child prepare for the transition from custody to a successful adulthood.
(d) The requirements of this subsection shall apply only if the permanency goal in place at the time of the hearing is another planned permanent arrangement as described in subsection (b)(4). At each permanency hearing held with respect to the child, in addition to the requirements of subsection (c), the court shall:
(1) Ask the child, if the child is able, by attendance at the hearing or by report to the court, about the desired permanency outcome for the child;
(2) document the intensive, ongoing and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful permanency efforts made by the secretary to return the child home or secure a placement for the child with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian or an adoptive parent. The secretary shall report to the court the intensive, ongoing and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful
efforts made by the secretary to return the child home or secure a placement for the child with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian or an adoptive parent, including efforts that utilize search technology, including social media, to find biological family members of the children; and

(3) make a judicial determination explaining why, as of the date of the hearing, another planned permanent living arrangement is the best permanency plan for the child and provide compelling reasons why it continues to not be in the best interests of the child to return home, be placed for adoption, be placed with a legal guardian or be placed with a fit and willing relative.

(e) A permanency hearing shall be held within 12 months of the date the court authorized the child’s removal from the home and not less frequently than every 12 months thereafter.

(f) If the court determines at any time other than during a permanency hearing that reintegration may not be a viable alternative for the child, a permanency hearing shall be held no later than 30 days following that determination.

(g) When the court finds that reintegration continues to be a viable alternative, the court shall determine whether and, if applicable, when the child will be returned to the parent. The court may rescind any of its prior dispositional orders and enter any dispositional order authorized by this code or may order that a new plan for the reintegration be prepared and submitted to the court. If reintegration cannot be accomplished as approved by the court, the court shall be informed and shall schedule a hearing pursuant to this section. No such hearing is required when the parents voluntarily relinquish parental rights or consent to appointment of a permanent custodian.

(h) If the court finds that reintegration is no longer a viable alternative, the court shall consider whether: (1) The child is in a stable placement with a relative; (2) services set out in the case plan necessary for the safe return of the child have been made available to the parent with whom reintegration is planned; or (3) compelling reasons are documented in the case plan to support a finding that neither adoption nor appointment of a permanent custodian are in the child’s best interest. If reintegration is not a viable alternative and either adoption or appointment of a permanent custodian might be in the best interests of the child, the county or district attorney or the county or district attorney’s designee shall file a motion to terminate parental rights or a motion to appoint a permanent custodian within 30 days and the court shall set a hearing on such motion within 90 days of the filing of such motion.

(i) If permanency with one parent has been achieved without the termination of the other parent’s rights, the court may, prior to dismissing the case, enter child custody orders, including residency and parenting time that the court determines to be in the best interests of the child. The court shall complete a parenting plan pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 23-3213, and amendments thereto.

(j) Before entering a custody order under this subsection, the court shall inquire whether a custody order has been entered or is pending in a civil custody case by a court of competent jurisdiction within the state of Kansas.

(1) If a civil custody case has been filed or is pending, a certified copy of the custody, residency and parenting time orders shall be filed in the civil custody case. The court in the civil custody case may, after consultation with the court in the child in need of care case, enter an order declaring that the custody order in the child in need of care case shall become the custody order in the civil custody case.

(2) A district court, on its own motion or upon the motion of any
party, may order the consolidation of the child in need of care case with any open civil custody case involving the child and both of the child’s parents. Custody, residency and parenting time orders entered in consolidated child in need of care and civil custody cases take precedence over any previous orders affecting both parents and the child that were entered in the civil custody case regarding the same or related issues. Following entry of a custody order in a consolidated case, the court shall dismiss the child in need of care case and, if necessary, return the civil custody case to the original court having jurisdiction over it.

(4) If no civil custody case has been filed, the court may direct the parties to file a civil custody case and to file the custody orders from the child in need of care case in that case. Costs of the civil custody case may be assessed to the parties.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall operate to expand access to information that is confidential under K.S.A. 38-2209, and amendments thereto, and the confidentiality of such information shall be preserved in all filings in a civil custody case.

(j) When permanency has been achieved to the satisfaction of the court, the court shall enter an order closing the case.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2265 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2265. (a) (1) The court shall require notice of the time and place of the permanency hearing to be given to the parties and interested parties. The notice shall state that the person receiving the notice shall have the right to be heard at the hearing.

(2) If the child is 14 years of age or older, the court shall require notice of the time and place of the permanency hearing to be given to the child. Such notice shall request the child’s participation in the hearing by attendance or by report to the court.

(b) The court shall require notice and the right to be heard to the following:

(1) The child’s foster parent or parents or permanent custodian providing care for the child;

(2) Preadoptive parents for the child if any;

(3) The child’s grandparents at their last known addresses or, if no grandparent is living or if no living grandparent’s address is known, to the closest relative of each of the child’s parents whose address is known;

(4) The person having custody of the child; and

(5) Upon request, by any person having close emotional ties with the child and who is deemed by the court to be essential to the deliberations before the court.

(c) The notices required by this subsection (b) shall be given by first class mail, not less than 10 business days before the hearing.

(d) Individuals receiving notice pursuant to subsection (b) shall not be made a party or interested party to the action solely on the basis of this notice and the right to be heard. The right to be heard shall be at a time and in a manner determined by the court and does not confer an entitlement to appear in person at government expense.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not require additional notice to any person otherwise receiving notice of the hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2239, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2287 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2287. (a) Whenever a child is in custody, as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2202, and amendments thereto, and there is reason to believe such child has been subjected to an act which would constitute human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, or the child committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6419, and amendments thereto, the court shall refer the child to the secretary for children and families for an assessment to determine safety, placement and service needs for the child. The secretary shall use a research-based validated, evidence-based assessment tool or instrument to assess such needs and shall make appropriate recommendations to the court. The secretary shall provide only a summary of the results from the assessment tool or instrument, not the complete assessment tool or instrument.
(b) When any law enforcement officer takes into custody any child as provided in subsection (b)(3) of K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-221(b)(3), and amendments thereto, the law enforcement officer shall contact the department for children and families to begin an assessment to determine safety, appropriate and timely placement and treatment needs for appropriate services to meet the immediate needs of the child. The secretary of the department for children and families shall use a rapid response team to begin such assessment for appropriate and timely placement.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised Kansas code for care of children.

(d) This section shall take effect on and after January 1, 2014.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2302, as amended by section 29 of 2016 Senate Bill No. 367, is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2302.

As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “Commissioner” means the secretary of corrections or the secretary’s designee.

(b) “Community supervision officer” means any officer from court services, community corrections or any other individual authorized to supervise a juvenile on an immediate intervention, probation or conditional release.

(c) “Conditional release” means release from a term of commitment in a juvenile correctional facility for an aftercare term pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2309, and amendments thereto, under conditions established by the secretary of corrections.

(d) “Court-appointed special advocate” means a responsible adult, other than an attorney appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2306, and amendments thereto, who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child, as provided in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2307, and amendments thereto, in a proceeding pursuant to this code.

(e) “Detention risk assessment tool” means a risk assessment instrument adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023(f), and amendments thereto, used to identify factors shown to be statistically related to a juvenile’s risk of failing to appear in court or reoffending pre-adjudication and designed to assist in making detention determinations.

(f) “Educational institution” means all schools at the elementary and secondary levels.

(g) “Educator” means any administrator, teacher or other professional or paraprofessional employee of an educational institution who has exposure to a pupil specified in K.S.A. 72-89b03(a)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto.

(h) “Evidence-based” means practices, policies, procedures and programs demonstrated by research to produce reduction in the likelihood of reoffending.

(i) “Graduated responses” means a system of community-based sanctions and incentives developed pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023(b) and section 2, and amendments thereto, used to address violations of immediate interventions, terms and conditions of probation and conditional release and to incentivize positive behavior.

(j) “Immediate intervention” means all programs or practices developed by the county to hold juvenile offenders accountable while allowing such offenders to be diverted from formal court processing pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2346, and amendments thereto.

(k) “Institution” means the Larned juvenile correctional facility and the Kansas juvenile correctional complex.

(l) “Investigator” means an employee of the juvenile justice authority department of corrections assigned by the commissioner secretary of corrections with the responsibility for investigations concerning employees at the juvenile correctional facilities and juveniles in the custody of the commissioner secretary of corrections at a juvenile correctional facility.

(m) “Jail” means: (1) An adult jail or lockup; or (2) a facility in the same building as an adult jail or lockup, unless the facility meets all applicable licensure requirements under law and there is: (A) Total separation of the juvenile and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the respective facilities; (B) total separation in all juvenile and adult program activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping and general
living activities; and (C) separate juvenile and adult staff, including man-
agement, security staff and direct care staff such as recreational, educa-
tional and counseling.

(n) “Juvenile” means a person to whom one or more of the following
applies, the person: (1) Is 10 or more years of age but less than 18 years
of age; (2) is alleged to be a juvenile offender; or (3) has been adjudicated
as a juvenile offender and continues to be subject to the jurisdiction of
the court.

(o) “Juvenile correctional facility” means a facility operated by the
secretary of corrections for the commitment of juvenile offenders.

(p) “Juvenile corrections officer” means a certified employee of the
department of corrections working at a juvenile correctional facility as-
signed by the secretary of corrections with responsibility for maintaining
custody, security and control of juveniles in the custody of the secretary
of corrections at a juvenile correctional facility.

(q) “Juvenile detention facility” means a public or private facility li-
censed pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Anno-
tated, and amendments thereto, which is used for the lawful custody of
alleged or adjudicated juvenile offenders.

(r) “Juvenile intake and assessment worker” means a responsible
adult trained and authorized to perform intake and assessment services
as part of the intake and assessment system established pursuant to K.S.A.
75-7023, and amendments thereto.

(s) “Juvenile offender” means a person who commits an offense while
10 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age which if committed
by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor
as defined by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5102, and amendments thereto, or
who violates the provisions of K.S.A. 41-727, K.S.A. 74-8810(j) or K.S.A.
2015 Supp. 21-6301(a)(14), and amendments thereto, but does not in-
clude:

(1) A person 14 or more years of age who commits a traffic offense,
as defined in K.S.A. 8-2117(d), and amendments thereto;
(2) a person 16 years of age or over who commits an offense defined
in chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto;
(3) a person under 18 years of age who previously has been:
   (A) Convicted as an adult under the Kansas criminal code;
   (B) sentenced as an adult under the Kansas criminal code following
termination of status as an extended jurisdiction juvenile pursuant to
K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2364, and amendments thereto; or
   (C) convicted or sentenced as an adult in another state or foreign
jurisdiction under substantially similar procedures described in K.S.A.
2015 Supp. 38-2347, and amendments thereto, or because of attaining
the age of majority designated in that state or jurisdiction.

(t) “Law enforcement officer” means any person who by virtue of
that person’s office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to
maintain public order or to make arrests for crimes, whether that duty
extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes.

(u) “Overall case length limit” when used in relation to a juvenile
adjudicated a juvenile offender means the maximum jurisdiction of the
court following disposition on an individual case. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2015
Supp. 38-2304, and amendments thereto, the case and the court’s juris-
diction shall terminate once the overall case length limit expires and may
not be extended.

(v) “Parent” when used in relation to a juvenile, includes a guardian
and every person who is, by law, liable to maintain, care for or support
the juvenile.

(w) “Probation” means a period of community supervision ordered
pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2361, and amendments thereto, over-
seen by either court services or community corrections, but not both.

(x) “Reasonable and prudent parenting standard” means the standard
characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the
health, safety and best interests of a child while at the same time encour-
aging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, that a care-
giver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in foster care
under the responsibility of the state to participate in extracurricular,
enrichment, cultural and social activities.

(y) “Reintegration plan” means a written document prepared in con-
sultation with the child’s parent or guardian that:
(1) Describes the reintegration goal, which, if achieved, will most likely give the juvenile and the victim of the juvenile a permanent and safe living arrangement;
(2) describes the child's level of physical health, mental and emotional health and educational functioning;
(3) provides an assessment of the needs of the child and family;
(4) describes the services to be provided to the child, the child’s family and the child's foster parents, if appropriate;
(5) includes a description of the tasks and responsibilities designed to achieve the plan and to whom assigned;
(6) includes measurable objectives and time schedules for achieving the plan; and
(7) if the child is in an out of home placement:
   (A) Provides a statement for the basis of determining that reintegration is determined not to be a viable option if such a determination is made and includes a plan for another permanent living arrangement;
   (B) describes available alternatives;
   (C) justifies the alternative placement selected, including a description of the safety and appropriateness of such placement; and
   (D) describes the programs and services that will help the child prepare to live independently as an adult.

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(a) "Risk and needs assessment" means a standardized instrument administered on juveniles to identify specific risk factors and needs shown to be statistically related to a juvenile’s risk of reoffending and, when properly addressed, can reduce a juvenile’s risk of reoffending.
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(an) "Secretary" means the secretary of corrections or the secretary's designee.
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(bb) "Technical violation" means an act that violates the terms or conditions imposed as part of a probation disposition pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2361, and amendments thereto, and that does not constitute a new juvenile offense or a new child in need of care violation pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2202(d), and amendments thereto.
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(cc) "Warrant" means a written order by a judge of the court directed to any law enforcement officer commanding the officer to take into custody the juvenile named or described therein.
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(dd) "Youth residential facility" means any home, foster home or structure which provides 24-hour-a-day care for juveniles and which is licensed pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 or article 70 of chapter 75 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.
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Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2310. (a) All records of law enforcement officers and agencies and municipal courts concerning an offense committed or alleged to have been committed by a juvenile under 14 years of age shall be kept readily distinguishable from criminal and other records and shall not be disclosed to anyone except:
(1) The judge of the district court and members of the staff of the court designated by the judge;
(2) parties to the proceedings and their attorneys;
(3) the Kansas department for children and families;
(4) the juvenile’s court appointed special advocate, any officer of a public or private agency or institution or any individual having custody of a juvenile under court order or providing educational, medical or mental health services to a juvenile;
(5) any educational institution, to the extent necessary to enable the educational institution to provide the safest possible environment for its pupils and employees;
(6) any educator, to the extent necessary to enable the educator to protect the personal safety of the educator and the educator’s pupils;
(7) law enforcement officers or county or district attorneys, or their staff, when necessary for the discharge of their official duties;
(8) the central repository, as defined by K.S.A. 22-4701, and amendments thereto, for use only as a part of the juvenile offender information system established under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2326, and amendments thereto;
(9) juvenile intake and assessment workers;
(10) the department of corrections;
(11) juvenile community corrections officers;
(12) the interstate compact for juveniles compact administrator for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities related to the interstate compact for juveniles;

(13) any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order; and

(14) as provided in subsection (c).

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to records concerning:

(1) A violation, by a person 14 or more years of age, of any provision of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or of any city ordinance or county resolution which relates to the regulation of traffic on the roads, highways or streets or the operation of self-propelled or nonself-propelled vehicles of any kind;

(2) a violation, by a person 16 or more years of age, of any provision of chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or

(3) an offense for which the juvenile is prosecuted as an adult.

(c) All records of law enforcement officers and agencies and municipal courts concerning an offense committed or alleged to have been committed by a juvenile 14 or more years of age shall be subject to the same disclosure restrictions as the records of adults. Information identifying victims and alleged victims of sex offenses, as defined in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-6419 through 21-6422, and amendments thereto, or human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3446 or 21-3447, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed or open to public inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the victim or any alleged victim of any sex offense from voluntarily disclosing such victim’s identity.

(d) Relevant information, reports and records, shall be made available to the department of corrections upon request and a showing that the former juvenile has been convicted of a crime and placed in the custody of the secretary of corrections.

(e) All records, reports and information obtained as a part of the juvenile intake and assessment process for juveniles shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed except as provided by statutory law and rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner secretary.

(1) Any court of record may order the disclosure of such records, reports and other information to any person or entity.

(2) The head of any juvenile intake and assessment program, certified by the commissioner of juvenile justice secretary, may authorize disclosure of such records, reports and other information to:

(A) A person licensed to practice the healing arts who has before that person a juvenile whom the person reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;

(B) a court-appointed special advocate for a juvenile or an agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to care for, treat or supervise a juvenile;

(C) a parent or other person responsible for the welfare of a juvenile, or such person’s legal representative, with protection for the identity of persons reporting and other appropriate persons;

(D) the juvenile, the attorney and a guardian ad litem, if any, for such juvenile;

(E) the police or other law enforcement agency;

(F) an agency charged with the responsibility of preventing or treating physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse of children, if the agency requesting the information has standards of confidentiality as strict or stricter than the requirements of the Kansas code for care of children or the revised Kansas juvenile justice code, whichever is applicable;

(G) members of a multidisciplinary team under this code;

(H) an agency authorized by a properly constituted authority to diagnose, care for, treat or supervise a child who is the subject of a report or record of child abuse or neglect;

(I) any individual, or public or private agency authorized by a properly constituted authority to diagnose, care for, treat or supervise a juvenile.
who is the subject of a report or record of child abuse or neglect, specifically including the following: Physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, licensed social workers, child development specialists, physician assistants, community mental health workers, addiction counselors and licensed or registered child care providers,

(J) a citizen review board pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2207, and amendments thereto;

(K) an educational institution to the extent necessary to enable such institution to provide the safest possible environment for pupils and employees of the institution;

(L) any educator to the extent necessary for the protection of the educator and pupils; and

(M) any juvenile intake and assessment worker of another certified juvenile intake and assessment program; and

(N) the interstate compact for juveniles compact administrator for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities related to the interstate compact for juveniles.

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2365. (a) When a juvenile offender has been placed in the custody of the commissioner secretary, the commissioner secretary shall have a reasonable time to make a placement. If the juvenile offender has not been placed, any party who believes that the amount of time elapsed without placement has exceeded a reasonable time may file a motion for review with the court. In determining what is a reasonable amount of time, matters considered by the court shall include, but not be limited to, the nature of the underlying offense, efforts made for placement of the juvenile offender and the availability of a suitable placement. The commissioner secretary shall notify the court, the juvenile’s attorney of record and the juvenile’s parent, in writing, of the initial placement and any subsequent change of placement as soon as the placement has been accomplished. The notice to the juvenile offender’s parent shall be sent to such parent’s last known address or addresses. The court shall have no power to direct a specific placement by the commissioner secretary, but may make recommendations to the commissioner secretary. The commissioner secretary may place the juvenile offender in an institution operated by the commissioner secretary, a youth residential facility or any other appropriate placement. If the court has recommended an out-of-home placement, the commissioner secretary may not return the juvenile offender to the home from which removed without first notifying the court of the plan.

(b) If a juvenile is in the custody of the commissioner secretary, the commissioner secretary shall prepare and present a permanency plan at sentencing or within 30 days thereafter. If the juvenile is 14 years of age or older and the juvenile is able, the secretary shall prepare the permanency plan in consultation with the juvenile. If a permanency plan is already in place under a child in need of care proceeding, the court may adopt the plan under the present proceeding. The written permanency plan shall provide for reintegration of the juvenile into such juvenile’s family or, if reintegration is not a viable alternative, for other permanent placement of the juvenile. Reintegration may not be a viable alternative when: (1) The parent has been found by a court to have committed murder in the first degree, K.S.A. 21-3401, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5401, and amendments thereto, murder in the second degree, K.S.A. 21-3402, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5402, and amendments thereto, murder in the second degree, K.S.A. 21-3402, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5402, and amendments thereto, capital murder, K.S.A. 21-3439, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5401, and amendments thereto, voluntary manslaughter, K.S.A. 21-3403, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 21-5404, and amendments thereto, of a child or violated a law of another state which prohibits such murder or manslaughter of a child;

(2) the parent aided or abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited to commit such murder or voluntary manslaughter of a child;

(3) the parent committed a felony battery that resulted in bodily injury to the juvenile who is the subject of this proceeding or another child;

(4) the parent has subjected the juvenile who is the subject of this proceeding or another child to aggravated circumstances as defined in K.S.A. 38-1502, and amendments thereto;
(5) the parental rights of the parent to another child have been terminated involuntarily; or
(6) the juvenile has been in extended out-of-home placement as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2202, and amendments thereto.

(c) If the juvenile is placed in the custody of the commissioner secretary, the plan shall be prepared and submitted by the commissioner secretary. If the juvenile is placed in the custody of a facility or person other than the commissioner secretary, the plan shall be prepared and submitted by a court services officer. If the permanency goal is reintegration into the family, the permanency plan shall include measurable objectives and time schedules for reintegration.

(d) During the time a juvenile remains in the custody of the commissioner secretary, the plan shall be prepared and submitted by the commissioner secretary. If the juvenile is placed in the custody of a facility or person other than the commissioner secretary, the plan shall be prepared and submitted by a court services officer. If the permanency goal is reintegration into the family, the permanency plan shall include measurable objectives and time schedules for reintegration.

(e) If the juvenile is placed in the custody of the commissioner secretary, the commissioner secretary shall submit to the court, at least every six months, a written report of the progress being made toward the goals of the permanency plan submitted pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) and the specific actions taken to achieve the goals of the permanency plan. If the juvenile is placed in foster care, the court may request the foster parent to submit to the court, at least every six months, a report in regard to the juvenile’s adjustment, progress and condition. Such report shall be made a part of the juvenile’s court social file. The court shall review the plan submitted by the commissioner secretary and the report, if any, submitted by the foster parent and determine whether reasonable efforts and progress have been made to achieve the goals of the permanency plan. If the court determines that progress is inadequate or that the permanency plan is no longer viable, the court shall hold a hearing pursuant to subsection (e).

When the commissioner secretary has custody of the juvenile, a permanency hearing shall be held no more than 12 months after the juvenile is first placed outside such juvenile’s home and at least every 12 months thereafter. Juvenile offenders who have been in extended out-of-home placement shall be provided a permanency hearing within 30 days of a request from the commissioner secretary. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the juvenile offender at the permanency hearing. At the permanency hearing, the court shall determine whether and, if applicable, when the juvenile will be:

1. Reintegrated with the juvenile’s parents;
2. Placed for adoption;
3. Placed with a permanent custodian; or
4. If the juvenile is 16 years of age or older and the secretary has documented compelling reasons why it would not be in the juvenile’s best interests for a placement in one of the placements pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2) or (3), placed in another planned permanent arrangement.

(f) At each permanency hearing, the court shall:

1. Make a written finding as to whether the reasonable and prudent parenting standard has been met and whether the juvenile has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities. The secretary shall report to the court the steps the secretary is taking to ensure that the reasonable and prudent parenting standard is being met and that the juvenile has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities, including consultation with the juvenile in an age-appropriate manner about the opportunities of the juvenile to participate in the activities; and
2. If the juvenile is 14 years of age or older, document the efforts made by the secretary to help the juvenile prepare for the transition from custody to a successful adulthood. The secretary shall report to the court the programs and services that are being provided to the juvenile which will help the juvenile prepare for the transition from custody to a successful adulthood.

(g) The requirements of this subsection shall apply only if the permanency goal in place at the time of the hearing is another planned permanent arrangement as described in subsection (e)(4). At each permanency hearing held with respect to the juvenile, in addition to the requirements of subsection (f), the court shall:

1. Ask the juvenile, if the juvenile is able, by attendance at the hear-
ing or by report to the court, about the desired permanency outcome for the juvenile;

(2) document the intensive, ongoing and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful permanency efforts made by the secretary to return the juvenile home or secure a placement for the juvenile with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian or an adoptive parent. The secretary shall report to the court the intensive, ongoing and, as of the date of the hearing, unsuccessful efforts made by the secretary to return the juvenile home or secure a placement for the juvenile with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian or an adoptive parent, including efforts that utilize search technology, including social media, to find biological family members of the children; and

(3) make a judicial determination explaining why, as of the date of the hearing, another planned permanent living arrangement is the best permanency plan for the juvenile and provide compelling reasons why it continues to not be in the best interests of the juvenile to return home, be placed for adoption, be placed with a legal guardian or be placed with a fit and willing relative.

(h) Whenever a hearing is required under subsection (e), the court shall notify all interested parties of the hearing date, the commissioner, foster parent and preadoptive parent or relatives providing care for the juvenile and hold a hearing. If the juvenile is 14 years of age or older, the court shall require notice of the time and place of the permanency hearing be given to the juvenile. Such notice shall request the juvenile’s participation in the hearing by attendance or by report to the court. Individuals receiving notice pursuant to this subsection shall not be made a party to the action solely on the basis of this notice and opportunity to be heard. After providing the persons receiving notice an opportunity to be heard, the court shall determine whether the juvenile’s needs are being adequately met; whether services set out in the permanency plan necessary for the safe return of the juvenile have been made available to the parent with whom reintegration is planned; and whether reasonable efforts and progress have been made to achieve the goals of the permanency plan.

(i) If the court finds reintegration continues to be a viable alternative, the court shall determine whether and, if applicable, when the juvenile will be returned to the parent. The court may rescind any of its prior dispositional orders and enter any dispositional order authorized by this code or may order that a new plan for the reintegration be prepared and submitted to the court. If reintegration cannot be accomplished as approved by the court, the court shall be informed and shall schedule a hearing pursuant to subsection (j). No such hearing is required when the parent voluntarily relinquishes parental rights or agrees to appointment of a permanent guardian.

(j) When the court finds any of the following conditions exist, the county or district attorney or the county or district attorney’s designee shall file a petition alleging the juvenile to be a child in need of care and requesting termination of parental rights pursuant to the Kansas code for care of children: (1) The court determines that reintegration is not a viable alternative and either adoption or permanent guardianship might be in the best interests of the juvenile;

(2) the goal of the permanency plan is reintegration into the family and the court determines after 12 months from the time such plan is first submitted that progress is inadequate; or

(3) the juvenile has been in out-of-home placement for a cumulative total of 15 of the last 22 months, excluding trial home visits and juvenile in runaway status.

Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to prohibit termination of parental rights prior to the expiration of 12 months.

(k) A petition to terminate parental rights is not required to be filed if one of the following exceptions is documented to exist: (1) The juvenile is in a stable placement with relatives;

(2) services set out in the case plan necessary for the safe return of the juvenile have not been made available to the parent with whom reintegration is planned; or

(3) there are one or more documented reasons why such filing would not be in the best interests of the juvenile. Documented reasons may include, but are not limited to: The juvenile has close emotional bonds
with a parent which should not be broken; the juvenile is 14 years of age or older and, after advice and counsel, refuses to be adopted; insufficient grounds exist for termination of parental rights; the juvenile is an unaccompanied refugee minor; or there are international legal or compelling foreign policy reasons precluding termination of parental rights.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-535 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-535. (a) A staff secure facility shall:

1. Not include construction features designed to physically restrict the movements and activities of residents, but shall have a design, structure, interior and exterior environment, and furnishings to promote a safe, comfortable and therapeutic environment for the residents;
2. Implement written policies and procedures that include the use of a combination of supervision, inspection and accountability to promote safe and orderly operations;
3. Rely on locked entrances and delayed-exit mechanisms to secure the facility, and implement reasonable rules restricting entrance to and egress from the facility;
4. Implement written policies and procedures for 24-hour-a-day staff observation/staff monitoring of all facility entrances and exits;
5. Implement written policies and procedures for the screening and searching of both residents and visitors;
6. Implement written policies and procedures for knowing the whereabouts of all residents at all times and for handling runaways and unauthorized absences; and
7. Implement written policies and procedures for determining when the movements and activities of individual residents may, for treatment purposes, be restricted or subject to control through the use of intensive staff supervision.

(b) A staff secure facility shall provide the following services to children placed in such facility, as appropriate, for the duration of the placement:
1. Case management;
2. Life skills training;
3. Health care;
4. Mental health counseling;
5. Substance abuse screening and treatment; and
6. Any other appropriate services.

(c) Service providers in a staff secure facility shall be trained to counsel and assist victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

(d) A staff secure facility may be on the same premises as that of another licensed facility. If the staff secure facility is on the same premises as that of another licensed facility, the living unit of the staff secure facility shall be maintained in a separate, self-contained unit. No staff secure facility shall be in a city or county jail.

(e) The secretary of health and environment for children and families, in consultation with the attorney general, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section on or before January 1, 2017.

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7023. (a) The supreme court through administrative orders shall provide for the establishment of a juvenile intake and assessment system and for the establishment and operation of juvenile intake and assessment programs in each judicial district. On and after July 1, 1997, the commissioner of juvenile justice shall promulgate rules and regulations for the juvenile intake and assessment system and programs concerning juvenile offenders. If the commissioner contracts with the office of judicial administration to administer the juvenile intake and assessment system and programs concerning juvenile offenders, the supreme court administrative orders shall be in force until such contract ends and the rules and regulations con-
cerning juvenile intake and assessment system and programs concerning juvenile offenders have been adopted.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, records, reports and information obtained as a part of the juvenile intake and assessment process shall not be admitted into evidence in any proceeding and shall not be used in a child in need of care proceeding or a juvenile offender proceeding.

(1) Such records, reports and information may be used in a child in need of care proceeding for diagnostic and referral purposes and by the court in considering dispositional alternatives. If the records, reports or information are in regard to abuse or neglect, which is required to be reported under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2233, and amendments thereto, such records, reports or information may then be used for any purpose in a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children.

(2) Such records, reports and information may be used in a juvenile offender proceeding only if such records, reports and information are in regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway. Such records, reports and information in regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway shall be made available to the appropriate county or district attorney and the court, and shall be used only for diagnostic and referral purposes.

(c) Upon a juvenile being taken into custody pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2330, and amendments thereto, a juvenile intake and assessment worker shall complete the intake and assessment process as required by supreme court administrative order or district court rule prior to July 1, 1997, or except as provided above rules and regulations established by the secretary of corrections on and after July 1, 1997.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (g) and in addition to any other information required by the supreme court administrative order, the secretary for children and families, the commissioner of juvenile justice or by the district court of such district, the juvenile intake and assessment worker shall collect the following information:

(1) A standardized risk assessment tool, such as the problem oriented screening instrument for teens;

(2) criminal history, including indications of criminal gang involvement;

(3) abuse history;

(4) substance abuse history;

(5) history of prior community services used or treatments provided;

(6) educational history;

(7) medical history; and

(8) family history.

(e) After completion of the intake and assessment process for such child, the intake and assessment worker may:

(1) Release the child to the custody of the child’s parent, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult if the intake and assessment worker believes that it would be in the best interest of the child and it would not be harmful to the child to do so.

(2) Conditionally release the child to the child’s parent, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult if the intake and assessment worker believes that if the conditions are met, it would be in the child’s best interest to release the child to such child’s parent, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult; and the intake and assessment worker has reason to believe that it might be harmful to the child to release the child to such child’s parents, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult without imposing the conditions. The conditions may include, but not be limited to:

(A) Participation of the child in counseling;

(B) participation of members of the child’s family in counseling;

(C) participation by the child, members of the child’s family and other relevant persons in mediation;

(D) provision of inpatient treatment for the child;

(E) referral of the child and the child’s family to the secretary for children and families for services and the agreement of the child and family to accept and participate in the services offered;

(F) referral of the child and the child’s family to available community
resources or services and the agreement of the child and family to accept and participate in the services offered;

(G) requiring the child and members of the child's family to enter into a behavioral contract which may provide for regular school attendance among other requirements; or

(H) any special conditions necessary to protect the child from future abuse or neglect.

(3) Deliver the child to a shelter facility or a licensed attendant care center along with the law enforcement officer's written application. The shelter facility or licensed attendant care facility shall then have custody as if the child had been directly delivered to the facility by the law enforcement officer pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2232, and amendments thereto.

(4) Refer the child to the county or district attorney for appropriate proceedings to be filed or refer the child and family to the secretary for children and families for investigations in regard to the allegations.

(5) Make recommendations to the county or district attorney concerning immediate intervention programs which may be beneficial to the juvenile.

(f) The secretary of corrections may adopt rules and regulations which allow local juvenile intake and assessment programs to create a risk assessment tool, as long as such tool meets the mandatory reporting requirements established by the secretary of corrections.

(g) Parents, guardians and juveniles may access the juvenile intake and assessment programs on a voluntary basis. The parent or guardian shall be responsible for the costs of any such program utilized.

Sec. 22. On and after January 1, 2017, K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7023, as amended by section 63 of 2016 Senate Bill No. 367, is hereby amended to read as follows:

75-7023. (a) The secretary for children and families may contract with the secretary of corrections to provide for the juvenile intake and assessment system and programs for children in need of care. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, records, reports and information obtained as a part of the juvenile intake and assessment process shall not be used in a child in need of care proceeding or a juvenile offender proceeding.

(1) Such records, reports and information may be used in a child in need of care proceeding for diagnostic and referral purposes and by the court in considering dispositional alternatives. If the records, reports or information are in regard to abuse or neglect, which is required to be reported under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2223, and amendments thereto, such records, reports or information may then be used for any purpose in a child in need of care proceeding pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children.

(2) Such records, reports and information may be used in a juvenile offender proceeding only if such records, reports and information are in regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway. Such records, reports and information in regard to the possible trafficking of a runaway shall be made available to the appropriate county or district attorney and the court, and shall be used only for diagnostic and referral purposes.

(c) Upon a juvenile being taken into custody pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2330, and amendments thereto, a juvenile intake and assessment worker shall complete the intake and assessment process, making release and referral determinations as required by supreme court administrative order or district court rule, or except as provided above rules and regulations established by the secretary of corrections.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (g) and in addition to any other
information required by the supreme court administrative order, the sec-
retary for children and families, the secretary of corrections or by the
district court of such district, the juvenile intake and assessment worker
shall collect the following information either in person or over two-way
audio or audio-visual communication:

(1) The results of a standardized detention risk assessment tool pur-
suant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto, if deten-
tion is being considered for the juvenile, such as the problem oriented
screening instrument for teens;

(2) criminal history, including indications of criminal gang involve-
ment;

(3) substance abuse history;

(4) history of prior community services used or treatments provided;

(6) educational history;

(7) medical history;

(8) family history; and

(9) the results of other assessment instruments as approved by the
secretary.

(e) After completion of the intake and assessment process for such
child, the intake and assessment worker shall make both a release and a
referral determination:

(1) Release the child to the custody of the child’s parent, other legal
guardian or another appropriate adult.

(2) Conditionally release the child to the child’s parent, other legal
guardian or another appropriate adult if the intake and assessment worker
believes that if the conditions are met, it would be in the child’s best
interest to release the child to such child’s parent, other legal guardian
or another appropriate adult; and the intake and assessment worker has
reason to believe that it might be harmful to the child to release the child
to such child’s parents, other legal guardian or another appropriate adult
without imposing the conditions. The conditions may include, but not be
limited to the alternatives listed in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2331(b), and
amendments thereto, and the following:

(A) Participation of the child in counseling;

(B) participation of members of the child’s family in counseling;

(C) participation by the child, members of the child’s family and other
relevant persons in mediation;

(D) provision of outpatient treatment for the child;

(E) referral of the child and the child’s family to the secretary for
children and families for services and the agreement of the child and
family to accept and participate in the services offered;

(F) referral of the child and the child’s family to available community
resources or services and the agreement of the child and family to accept
and participate in the services offered;

(G) requiring the child and members of the child’s family to enter
into a behavioral contract which may provide for regular school attend-
ance among other requirements; or

(H) any special conditions necessary to protect the child from future
abuse or neglect.

(3) Deliver the child to a shelter facility or a licensed attendant care
center along with the law enforcement officer’s written application for a
maximum stay of up to 72 hours. The shelter facility or licensed attendant
care facility shall then have custody as if the child had been directly de-
ivered to the facility by the law enforcement officer pursuant to K.S.A.
2015 Supp. 38-2232, and amendments thereto.

(4) The intake and assessment worker shall also refer the juvenile’s
case to one of the following:

(A) An immediate intervention program pursuant to K.S.A. 2015
Supp. 38-2346(b), and amendments thereto;

(B) the county or district attorney for appropriate proceedings to be
filed, with or without a recommendation that the juvenile be considered
for alternative means of adjudication programs pursuant to K.S.A. 2015
Supp. 38-2389, and amendments thereto, or immediate intervention pur-
suant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2346, and amendments thereto; or

(C) refer the child and family to the secretary for children and fam-
ilies for investigations in regard to the allegations.

(f) The secretary of corrections, in conjunction with the office of ju-
dicial administration, shall develop, implement and validate on the Kansas juvenile population, a statewide detention risk assessment tool.

(1) The assessment shall be conducted for each youth under consideration for detention and may only be conducted by a juvenile intake and assessment worker who has completed training to conduct the detention risk assessment tool.

(2) The secretary and the office of judicial administration shall establish cutoff scores determining eligibility for placement in a juvenile detention facility or for referral to a community-based alternative to detention and shall collect and report data regarding the use of the detention risk assessment tool.

(3) The detention risk assessment tool includes an override function that may be approved by the court for use under certain circumstances. If approved by the court, the juvenile intake and assessment worker or the court may override the detention risk assessment tool score in order to direct placement in a short-term shelter facility, a community-based alternative to detention or, subject to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-2331, and amendments thereto, a juvenile detention facility. Such override must be documented, include a written explanation and receive approval from the director of the intake and assessment center or the court.

(4) If a juvenile meets one or more eligibility criteria for detention or referral to a community-based alternative to detention, the person with authority to detain shall maintain discretion to release the juvenile if other less restrictive measures would be adequate.

(g) Parents, guardians and juveniles may access the juvenile intake and assessment programs on a voluntary basis. The parent or guardian shall be responsible for the costs of any such program utilized.

(h) Every juvenile intake and assessment worker shall receive training in evidence-based practices, including, but not limited to:

(1) Risk and needs assessments;
(2) Individualized diversions based on needs and strengths;
(3) Graduated responses;
(4) Family engagement;
(5) Trauma-informed care;
(6) Substance abuse;
(7) Mental health; and
(8) Special education.


Sec. 24. On and after January 1, 2017, K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7023, as amended by section 22 of this act, and 75-7023, as amended by section 63 of 2016 Senate Bill No. 367, are hereby repealed.
Sec. 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above Bill originated in the Senate, and passed that body

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