HOUSE BILL No. 2087

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to certified drug abuse treatment programs; diversion agreements; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6824 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6824 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6824. (a) (1) There is hereby established a nonprison sanction of certified drug abuse treatment programs for certain offenders who are sentenced on or after November 1, 2003. Placement of offenders in certified drug abuse treatment programs by the court shall be limited to placement of adult offenders, convicted of a felony violation of K.S.A. 65-4160 or 65-4162, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a06, prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5706, and amendments thereto, whose offense is classified in grid blocks:

- (1)(A) Whose offense is classified in grid blocks-5-C, 5-D, 5-E, 5-F, 5-G, 5-H or 5-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes and such offender has no felony conviction of K.S.A. 65-4142, 65-4159, 65-4161, 65-4163 or 65-4164, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, 21-36a05 or 21-36a16, prior to their transfer, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5716, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction; or
- (2)(B) whose offense is classified in grid blocks-5-A or 5-B of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes, such offender has no felony conviction of K.S.A. 65-4142, 65-4159, 65-4161, 65-4163 or 65-4164, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, 21-36a05 or 21-36a16, prior to their transfer, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5716, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, if the person felonies in the offender's criminal history were severity level 8, 9 or 10 or nongrid offenses of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes, and the court finds and sets forth with particularity the reasons for finding that the safety of the members of the public will not be jeopardized by such placement in a drug abuse treatment program.
- (2) There is hereby established a certified drug abuse treatment program for certain persons who enter into a diversion agreement in lieu

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of further criminal proceedings on or after July 1, 2017. Placement of divertees in certified drug abuse treatment programs pursuant to a diversion agreement shall be limited to placement of adults, on a complaint alleging a felony violation of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5706, and amendments thereto, whose offense is classified in grid blocks 5-C, 5-D, 5-E, 5-F, 5-G, 5-H or 5-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes and such divertee has no felony conviction of K.S.A. 65-4142, 65-4159, 65-4161, 65-4163 or 65-4164, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, 21-36a05 or 21-36a16, prior to their transfer, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5716, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction.

- (b) As a part of the presentence investigation pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6813, and amendments thereto, or as a part of considering whether or not to allow diversion to a defendant, offenders or divertees who meet the requirements of subsection (a), unless otherwise specifically ordered by the court, shall be subject to:
- (1) A drug abuse assessment which shall include a clinical interview with a mental health professional and a recommendation concerning drug abuse treatment for the offender *or divertee*; and
- (2) a criminal risk-need assessment. The criminal risk-need assessment shall assign a high or low risk status to the offender *or divertee*.
- (c) (1) If the offender is assigned a high risk status as determined by the drug abuse assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and a moderate or high risk status as determined by the criminal risk-need assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the sentencing court shall commit the offender to treatment in a drug abuse treatment program until the court determines the offender is suitable for discharge by the court. The term of treatment shall not exceed 18 months. The court may extend the term of probation, pursuant to-subsection (e)(3) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6608(c)(3), and amendments thereto. The term of treatment may not exceed the term of probation.
- (2) If the defendant being considered for a diversion agreement is assigned a high risk status as determined by the drug abuse assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and a moderate or high risk status as determined by the criminal risk-need assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the diversion agreement shall require the divertee to comply with and participate in a drug abuse treatment program. The term of treatment shall not exceed 18 months.
- (d) (1) Offenders *or divertees* who are committed to a drug abuse treatment program pursuant to subsection (c) shall be supervised by community correctional services.
 - (2) Offenders or divertees who are not committed to a drug abuse

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treatment program pursuant to subsection (c) shall be supervised by community correctional services or court services based on the result of the criminal risk assessment.

- (e) Placement of offenders under subsection $\frac{(a)(2)}{(a)(1)(B)}$ shall be subject to the departure sentencing statutes of the revised Kansas sentencing guidelines act.
- (f) (1) Offenders *or divertees* in drug abuse treatment programs shall be discharged from such program if the offender *or divertee*:
 - (A) Is convicted of a new felony; or
- (B) has a pattern of intentional conduct that demonstrates the offender's *or divertee's* refusal to comply with or participate in the treatment program, as established by judicial finding.
- (2) (A) Offenders who are discharged from such program pursuant to subsection (f)(1) shall be subject to the revocation provisions of subsection (n) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6604(n), and amendments thereto.
- (B) Divertees who are discharged from such program pursuant to (f) (1) shall be subject to the provisions of such diversion agreement.
- (g) As used in this section, "mental health professional" includes licensed social workers, persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery, licensed psychologists, licensed professional counselors or registered alcohol and other drug abuse counselors licensed or certified as addiction counselors who have been certified by the secretary of corrections to treat offenders persons pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-52,144, and amendments thereto.
- (h) (1) Offenders *or divertees* who meet the requirements of subsection (a) shall not be subject to the provisions of this section and shall be sentenced as otherwise provided by law, if such offenders *or divertees*:
- (A) Are residents of another state and are returning to such state pursuant to the interstate corrections compact or the interstate compact for adult offender supervision; or
- (B) are not lawfully present in the United States and being detained for deportation; or
 - (C) do not meet the risk assessment levels provided in subsection (c).
- (2) Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (i) The court may order an offender who otherwise does not meet the requirements of subsection (c)(I) to undergo one additional drug abuse assessment while such offender is on probation. Such offender may be ordered to undergo drug abuse treatment pursuant to subsection (a)(I) if such offender is determined to meet the requirements of subsection (c)(I). The cost of such assessment shall be paid by such offender.
 - (j) For the purposes of this section, the term "divertee" means a

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1 person who has entered into a diversion agreement pursuant to K.S.A. 22-

- 2 *2909*.
- 3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6824 is hereby repealed.
- 4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 5 publication in the statute book.