

SENATE BILL No. 77

AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to children with sexual behavior problems; Kansas department for children and families; voluntary services.

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

Section 1. (a) (1) In addition to any services required under K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-2201 et seq., and amendments thereto, after the department for children and families receives a report of child abuse or neglect where the subject of the report is a child with sexual behavior problems and the department determines that a joint investigation with law enforcement is required in accordance with K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-2226, and amendments thereto, the department shall immediately provide a referral to a child advocacy center or other mental health provider and, as needed, offer additional services to:

- (A) The child with sexual behavior problems; and
- (B) such child's family.

(2) Such services shall be voluntary, unless the department determines there will be a high risk of future sexual behavior problems by such child if such child or such child's family refuses to accept the services. The department shall thoroughly document:

- (A) Offers by the department to provide voluntary services;
- (B) the reasons these services are important to reduce the risk of future sexual behavior problems by the child;
- (C) whether services were accepted and provided; and
- (D) the outcome for the child and family.

(b) As used in this section, "child with sexual behavior problems" means a person less than 18 years of age who has allegedly committed sexual abuse against another person less than 18 years of age.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any other investigation or action by the department or law enforcement that is otherwise authorized by law.

(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the revised Kansas code for care of children, K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-2201 et seq., and amendments thereto.

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Sec. 2. 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

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.