

HOUSE BILL No. 2632

Committee on Children and Seniors

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1 AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to procedures in  
2 investigations of child abuse or neglect; requiring a child abuse review  
3 and evaluation—~~examination~~ {referral}; creating a program in the  
4 department of health and environment for the training and payment for  
5 child abuse review and evaluation examinations; defining child abuse  
6 review and evaluation providers, networks and examinations and child  
7 abuse medical resource centers; amending K.S.A. 38-2202 and 38-2226  
8 and repealing the existing sections.  
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 New Section 1. (a) (1) When an investigation of child abuse or  
12 neglect conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2226, and amendments thereto,  
13 includes a CARE referral when the child abuse medical resource center  
14 has recommended that a CARE exam be conducted and the CARE  
15 provider determines that a child has been subjected to physical abuse,  
16 emotional abuse, medical neglect or physical neglect, such determination  
17 shall be reported in a completed review and provided to the secretary and  
18 the local law enforcement agency or the agency's designee.

19 (2) When the secretary receives a completed review pursuant to  
20 subsection (a), the secretary shall consider and include the completed  
21 review in making recommendations regarding the care, safety and  
22 placement of the child and maintain the completed review in the case  
23 record.

24 (3) A completed review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall be  
25 confidential and not be disclosed except as provided in this section and  
26 K.S.A. 38-2209 through 38-2213, and amendments thereto.

27 (b) In order to provide forensic evaluation services to a child alleged  
28 to be a victim of physical abuse, emotional abuse, medical neglect or  
29 physical neglect in investigations that include a CARE exam by a CARE  
30 provider:

31 (1) Child abuse medical resource centers may collaborate directly or  
32 through technology with CARE providers to provide forensic medical  
33 evaluations, medical training, support, mentoring and peer review to  
34 enhance the skill and role of child abuse medical resource centers and the  
35 CARE providers in a multidisciplinary context;

36 (2) CARE providers and child abuse medical resource centers shall

1 provide and receive specialized training for medical evaluations conducted  
2 in a hospital, child advocacy center or by a private healthcare professional  
3 without the need for an agreement between such center and provider; and

4 (3) the CARE network shall develop recommendations concerning  
5 the medical-based screening process and forensic evidence collection for a  
6 child and provide such recommendations to CARE providers, child  
7 advocacy centers, hospitals and licensed practitioners.

8 (c) (1) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's  
9 designee shall implement and administer training for CARE providers to  
10 establish and maintain compliance with the requirements of K.S.A. 38-  
11 2202, and amendments thereto, and assist in the implementation of  
12 subsection (b).

13 (2) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's  
14 designee shall pay all charges that are submitted to the secretary of health  
15 and environment or the secretary's designee by a CARE provider within 90  
16 days of such exam. Such payment amount shall only be for the exam at the  
17 rate of a reasonable cost for providing such exam, excluding treatment that  
18 may be required due to the diagnosis, or any facility fees, supplies or  
19 laboratory or radiology testing.

20 (3) Payments made under this subsection shall only be made directly  
21 to CARE providers.

22 (4) There is hereby established in the state treasury the child abuse  
23 review and evaluation fund, and such fund shall be administered by the  
24 secretary of health and environment. All expenditures from the child abuse  
25 review and evaluation fund shall be for payments of CARE exams,  
26 training of CARE providers and the implementation and administration of  
27 subsection (b), as needed. All expenditures from the child abuse review  
28 and evaluation fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts  
29 upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to  
30 vouchers approved by the secretary of health and environment or the  
31 secretary's designee. All moneys received for CARE exams and CARE  
32 provider training shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with  
33 the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt  
34 of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount  
35 in the state treasury to the credit of the child abuse review and evaluation  
36 fund.

37 (d) The secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and  
38 regulations as necessary to implement and administer this section, subject  
39 to available appropriations.

40 (e) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the revised  
41 Kansas code for care of children.

42 **{{f) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2026.}}**

43 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-2202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-

1 2202. As used in the revised Kansas code for care of children, unless the  
2 context otherwise indicates:

3 (a) "Abandon" or "abandonment" means to forsake, desert or, without  
4 making appropriate provision for substitute care, cease providing care for  
5 the child.

6 (b) "Adult correction facility" means any public or private facility,  
7 secure or nonsecure, that is used for the lawful custody of accused or  
8 convicted adult criminal offenders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (6) is not attending school as required by K.S.A. 72-3421 or 72-3120,  
24 and amendments thereto;

25 (7) except in the case of a violation of K.S.A. 41-727, ~~K.S.A. 74-~~  
26 ~~8810(j), K.S.A. 79-3321(m) or (n), and amendments thereto,~~ or K.S.A.  
27 2021 Supp. 21-6301(a)(14), and amendments thereto, or, except as  
28 provided in paragraph (12), does an act which, when committed by a  
29 person under 18 years of age, is prohibited by state law, city ordinance or  
30 county resolution, but which is not prohibited when done by an adult;

31 (8) while less than 10 years of age, commits any act that if done by an  
32 adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor as  
33 defined by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5102, and amendments thereto;

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

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

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

1 (12) while less than 10 years of age commits the offense defined in  
2 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301(a)(14), and amendments thereto;

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

5 (14) has been subjected to an act that would constitute human  
6 trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 2021  
7 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or commercial sexual  
8 exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6422, and  
9 amendments thereto, or has committed an act which, if committed by an  
10 adult, would constitute selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A. 2021  
11 Supp. 21-6419, and amendments thereto.

12 (e) *"Child abuse medical resource center" means a medical*  
13 *institution affiliated with an accredited children's hospital or a recognized*  
14 *institution of higher education that has an accredited medical school*  
15 *program with board-certified child abuse pediatricians who provide*  
16 *training, support, mentoring and peer review to CARE providers on CARE*  
17 *exams.*

18 (f) *"Child abuse review and evaluation exam" or "CARE exam"*  
19 *means a forensic medical evaluation of a child alleged to be a victim of*  
20 *abuse or neglect as required by either K.S.A. 38-2226, and amendments*  
21 *thereto, or section 1, and amendments thereto, conducted by a CARE*  
22 *provider.*

23 (g) *"Child abuse review and evaluation network" or "CARE network"*  
24 *means a network of CARE providers ~~and~~ child abuse medical resource*  
25 *centers **{and any medical provider associated with a child advocacy***  
26 ***center that has the ability to conduct a CARE exam}** that collaborate*  
27 *to improve services provided to a child alleged to be a victim of abuse or*  
28 *neglect.*

29 (h) *"Child abuse review and evaluation provider" or "CARE*  
30 *provider" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery,*  
31 *advanced practice registered nurse or licensed physician assistant who*  
32 *performs CARE exams of and provides medical diagnosis and treatment to*  
33 *a child alleged to be a victim of abuse or neglect and who receives:*

34 (1) *Kansas-based initial intensive training regarding child*  
35 *maltreatment from the CARE network;*

36 (2) *continuous trainings on child maltreatment from the CARE*  
37 *network; and*

38 (3) *peer review and new provider mentoring regarding medical*  
39 *evaluations from a child abuse medical resource center.*

40 (i) *"Child abuse review and evaluation referral" or "CARE referral"*  
41 *means a brief written review of allegations of physical abuse, emotional*  
42 *abuse, medical neglect or physical neglect submitted by the secretary or*  
43 *law enforcement agency to a child abuse medical resource center for a*

1 *recommendation of such child's need for medical care that may include a*  
2 *CARE exam.*

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

6 ~~(k)~~(k) "Civil custody case" includes any case filed under chapter 23 of  
7 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the Kansas  
8 family law code, article 11 of chapter 38 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,  
9 and amendments thereto, determination of parentage, article 21 of chapter  
10 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, adoption  
11 and relinquishment act, or article 30 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes  
12 Annotated, and amendments thereto, guardians and conservators.

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

17 ~~(m)~~(m) "Custody" whether temporary, protective or legal, means the  
18 status created by court order or statute that vests in a custodian, whether an  
19 individual or an agency, the right to physical possession of the child and  
20 the right to determine placement of the child, subject to restrictions placed  
21 by the court.

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

26 ~~(o)~~(o) "Educational institution" means all schools at the elementary  
27 and secondary levels.

28 ~~(p)~~(p) "Educator" means any administrator, teacher or other  
29 professional or paraprofessional employee of an educational institution  
30 who has exposure to a pupil specified in K.S.A. 72-6143(a), and  
31 amendments thereto.

32 ~~(q)~~(q) "Harm" means physical or psychological injury or damage.

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

38 ~~(s)~~(s) "Jail" means:

39 (1) An adult jail or lockup; or

40 (2) a facility in the same building or on the same grounds as an adult  
41 jail or lockup, unless the facility meets all applicable standards and  
42 licensure requirements under law and there is: (A) Total separation of the  
43 juvenile and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no

1 haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the  
2 respective facilities; (B) total separation in all juvenile and adult program  
3 activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling,  
4 health care, dining, sleeping and general living activities; and (C) separate  
5 juvenile and adult staff, including management, security staff and direct  
6 care staff such as recreational, educational and counseling.

7 ~~(t)~~(t) "Juvenile detention facility" means any secure public or private  
8 facility used for the lawful custody of accused or adjudicated juvenile  
9 offenders that must not be a jail.

10 ~~(u)~~(u) "Juvenile intake and assessment worker" means a responsible  
11 adult authorized to perform intake and assessment services as part of the  
12 intake and assessment system established pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and  
13 amendments thereto.

14 ~~(v)~~(v) "Kinship care placement" means the placement of a child in the  
15 home of an adult with whom the child or the child's parent already has  
16 close emotional ties.

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

21 ~~(x)~~(x) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group of persons, appointed  
22 by the court under K.S.A. 38-2228, and amendments thereto, that has  
23 knowledge of the circumstances of a child in need of care.

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

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

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

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

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

4       (~~vv~~)(aa) "Party" means the state, the petitioner, the child, any parent of  
5 the child and an Indian child's tribe intervening pursuant to the Indian  
6 child welfare act.

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

10       (~~xx~~)(cc) "Permanent custodian" means a judicially approved  
11 permanent guardian of a child pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2272, and  
12 amendments thereto.

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

18       (~~zz~~)(ee) "Placement" means the designation by the individual or  
19 agency having custody of where and with whom the child will live.

20       (~~aa~~)(ff) "Qualified residential treatment program" means a program  
21 designated by the secretary for children and families as a qualified  
22 residential treatment program pursuant to federal law.

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

30       (~~ee~~)(hh) "Relative" means a person related by blood, marriage or  
31 adoption.

32       (~~dd~~)(ii) "Runaway" means a child who is willfully and voluntarily  
33 absent from the child's home without the consent of the child's parent or  
34 other custodian.

35       (~~ee~~)(jj) "Secretary" means the secretary for children and families or  
36 the secretary's designee.

37       (~~ff~~)(kk) "Secure facility" means a facility, other than a staff secure  
38 facility or juvenile detention facility, that is operated or structured so as to  
39 ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are under the exclusive  
40 control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the person being detained  
41 has freedom of movement within the perimeters of the facility, or that  
42 relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences or physical restraint in order  
43 to control behavior of its residents. No secure facility shall be in a city or

1 county jail.

2 ~~(gg)~~(ll) "Sexual abuse" means any contact or interaction with a child  
3 in which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of the  
4 perpetrator, the child or another person. Sexual abuse shall include, but is  
5 not limited to, allowing, permitting or encouraging a child to:

6 (1) Be photographed, filmed or depicted in pornographic material; or

7 (2) be subjected to aggravated human trafficking, as defined in  
8 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if committed in  
9 whole or in part for the purpose of the sexual gratification of the offender  
10 or another, or be subjected to an act that would constitute conduct  
11 proscribed by article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or  
12 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6419 or 21-6422, and amendments thereto.

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

19 ~~(ii)~~(nn) "Staff secure facility" means a facility described in K.S.A. 65-  
20 535, and amendments thereto: (1) That does not include construction  
21 features designed to physically restrict the movements and activities of  
22 juvenile residents who are placed therein; (2) that may establish reasonable  
23 rules restricting entrance to and egress from the facility; and (3) in which  
24 the movements and activities of individual juvenile residents may, for  
25 treatment purposes, be restricted or subject to control through the use of  
26 intensive staff supervision. No staff secure facility shall be in a city or  
27 county jail.

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

35 ~~(kk)~~(pp) "Youth residential facility" means any home, foster home or  
36 structure that provides 24-hour-a-day care for children and that is licensed  
37 pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and  
38 amendments thereto.

39 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 38-2226 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-  
40 2226. (a) *Investigation for child abuse or neglect.* The secretary and law  
41 enforcement officers shall have the duty to receive and investigate reports  
42 of child abuse or neglect for the purpose of determining whether the report  
43 is valid and whether action is required to protect a child. Any person or



1 agency which maintains records relating to the involved child which are  
2 relevant to any investigation conducted by the secretary or law  
3 enforcement agency under this code shall provide the secretary or law  
4 enforcement agency with the necessary records to assist in investigations.  
5 In order to provide such records, the person or agency maintaining the  
6 records shall receive from the secretary or law enforcement: (1) A written  
7 request for information; and (2) a written notice that the investigation is  
8 being conducted by the secretary or law enforcement. If the secretary and  
9 such officers determine that no action is necessary to protect the child but  
10 that a criminal prosecution should be considered, such law enforcement  
11 officers shall make a report of the case to the appropriate law enforcement  
12 agency.

13 (b) *Joint investigations.* When a report of child abuse or neglect  
14 indicates: (1) That there is serious physical harm to, serious deterioration  
15 of or sexual abuse of the child; and (2) that action may be required to  
16 protect the child, the investigation shall be conducted as a joint effort  
17 between the secretary and the appropriate law enforcement agency or  
18 agencies, with a free exchange of information between them pursuant to  
19 K.S.A. 38-2210, and amendments thereto. If a statement of a suspect is  
20 obtained by either agency, a copy of the statement shall be provided to the  
21 other.

22 (c) *Investigation of certain cases.* Suspected child abuse or neglect  
23 which occurs in an institution operated by the Kansas department of  
24 corrections shall be investigated by the attorney general or secretary of  
25 corrections. Any suspected child abuse or neglect in an institution operated  
26 by the Kansas department for aging and disability services, or by persons  
27 employed by the Kansas department for aging and disability services or  
28 the Kansas department for children and families, or of children of persons  
29 employed by either department, shall be investigated by the appropriate  
30 law enforcement agency.

31 (d) *Coordination of investigations by county or district attorney.* If a  
32 dispute develops between agencies investigating a reported case of child  
33 abuse or neglect, the appropriate county or district attorney shall take  
34 charge of, direct and coordinate the investigation.

35 (e) *Investigations concerning certain facilities.* Any investigation  
36 involving a facility subject to licensing or regulation by the secretary of  
37 health and environment shall be promptly reported to the state secretary of  
38 health and environment.

39 (f) *Cooperation between agencies.* Law enforcement agencies and the  
40 secretary shall assist each other in taking action which is necessary to  
41 protect a child regardless of which agency conducted the initial  
42 investigation.

43 (g) *Cooperation between school personnel and investigative*

1 *agencies.* (1) Educational institutions, the secretary and law enforcement  
2 agencies shall cooperate with each other in the investigation of reports of  
3 suspected child abuse or neglect. The secretary and law enforcement  
4 agencies shall have access to a child in a setting designated by school  
5 personnel on the premises of an educational institution. Attendance at an  
6 interview conducted on such premises shall be at the discretion of the  
7 agency conducting the interview, giving consideration to the best interests  
8 of the child. To the extent that safety and practical considerations allow,  
9 law enforcement officers on such premises for the purpose of investigating  
10 a report of suspected child abuse or neglect shall not be in uniform.

11 (2) The secretary or a law enforcement officer may request the  
12 presence of school personnel during an interview if the secretary or officer  
13 determines that the presence of such person might provide comfort to the  
14 child or facilitate the investigation.

15 (h) *Visual observation required.* As part of any investigation  
16 conducted pursuant to this section, the secretary, ~~or the secretary's~~  
17 ~~designee~~, or the law enforcement agency, or such agency's designee, that is  
18 conducting the investigation shall visually observe the child who is the  
19 alleged victim of abuse or neglect. In the case of a joint investigation  
20 conducted pursuant to subsection (b), the secretary and the investigating  
21 law enforcement agency, or the designees of the secretary and such  
22 agency, shall both visually observe the child who is the alleged victim of  
23 abuse or neglect. All investigation reports shall include the date, time and  
24 location of any visual observation of a child that is required by this  
25 subsection.

26 (i) *Child abuse review and evaluation referrals.* (1) *Upon assignment*  
27 *by the secretary of any investigation of physical abuse or physical neglect*  
28 *conducted pursuant to this section that concerns a child five years of age*  
29 *or younger, the secretary, the law enforcement agency or the agency's*  
30 *designee shall make a CARE referral for such child.*

31 (2) *In any other investigation of physical abuse, emotional abuse,*  
32 *medical neglect or physical neglect conducted pursuant to this section, the*  
33 *secretary, the law enforcement agency or the agency's designee may make*  
34 *a CARE referral for such child.*

35 **{(3) The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1,**  
36 **2026.}**

37 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 38-2202 and 38-2226 are hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
39 publication in the statute book.