

HOUSE BILL No. 2199

By Committee on Appropriations
(By Request of the Joint Committee on Children's Issues)

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10 AN ACT concerning children in need of care; relating to informal su-
11 pervision; amending K.S.A. 38-1544 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 38-1544 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-
15 1544. (a) At any time after filing a petition, but prior to an adjudication,
16 the court may enter an order for continuance and informal supervision
17 without an adjudication if no interested party objects. Upon granting the
18 continuance, the court shall include in the order any conditions with
19 which the interested parties are expected to comply and provide the par-
20 ties with a copy of the order. The conditions may include appropriate
21 dispositional alternatives authorized by K.S.A. 38-1563 and amendments
22 thereto.

23 (b) An order for informal supervision may remain in force for a period
24 of up to six months and may be extended, upon hearing, for an additional
25 six-month period for a total of one year. *For a child under an order for*
26 *informal supervision who remains in the custody of such child's parent,*
27 *such one year period may be extended if no interested party objects, upon*
28 *hearing, for up to an additional one year, with reviews by the court oc-*
29 *curring at least every four months.*

30 (c) The court after notice and hearing may revoke or modify the order
31 with respect to a party upon a showing that the party, being subject to
32 the order for informal supervision, has substantially failed to comply with
33 the terms of the order, or that modification would be in the best interests
34 of the child. Upon revocation, proceedings shall resume pursuant to this
35 code.

36 (d) Parties to the order for informal supervision who successfully
37 complete the terms and period of supervision shall not again be pro-
38 ceeded against in any court based solely upon the allegations in the orig-
39 inal petition and the proceedings shall be dismissed.

40 (e) If the court issues an order for informal supervision pursuant to
41 this section, the court may enter an order restraining any alleged pepe-
42 rator of physical, sexual, mental or emotional abuse of the child from
43 residing in the child's home, visiting, contacting, harassing or intimidating

- 1 the child, other family member or witness; or attempting to visit, contact,
- 2 harass or intimidate the child, other family member or witness.
- 3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-1544 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.