

***Improve the lives and
well-being of all youth in
Kansas.***



***Kansas Juvenile
Justice Oversight
Committee***

Senate Judiciary
House Bill 2329

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JJOC Purpose



Monitor and collaborate with juvenile justice system agencies and stakeholders to ensure best practices are followed and justice involved youth receive appropriate supervision, assistance, and accountability—all with the goal of better outcomes for youth and communities.

JJOC Mission Statement



The Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) is a statutorily defined, multidisciplinary team of stakeholders of youth-serving systems. The JJOC is responsible for regularly reviewing information and data on progress and outcomes across all parts of those systems. The JJOC provides policy and funding recommendations and influences stakeholders across agencies and branches of government, on sound, data-driven, evidence-based implementation and sustainability of juvenile justice reforms.

JJOC Membership



A 21-member committee made up of multiple disciplinaries

- District Attorney
- Youth Services Director
- Defense Attorney
- Dept of Corrections (3)
- Governor's Office
- Dept of Children and Families
- Legislators (4)
- Office of Judicial Administration
- Victim Advocacy
- Court Services
- District Judges (2)
- Police Chief
- Commissioner of Education
- Community Corrections
- Kansas Advisory Group

JJOC Subcommittees



Data-defines performance measures, prepare and update data for inclusion reporting

Communication-manage the completion of the annual report, prepare public awareness, identify opportunities with other stakeholders

Reinvestment-ensure access to funding, report program success and outcomes, communication details on funding dollar spending, facilitates new spending areas

Legislative-monitors legislation for collaboration opportunities, explores implementation of new legislation, prepare legislative testimony

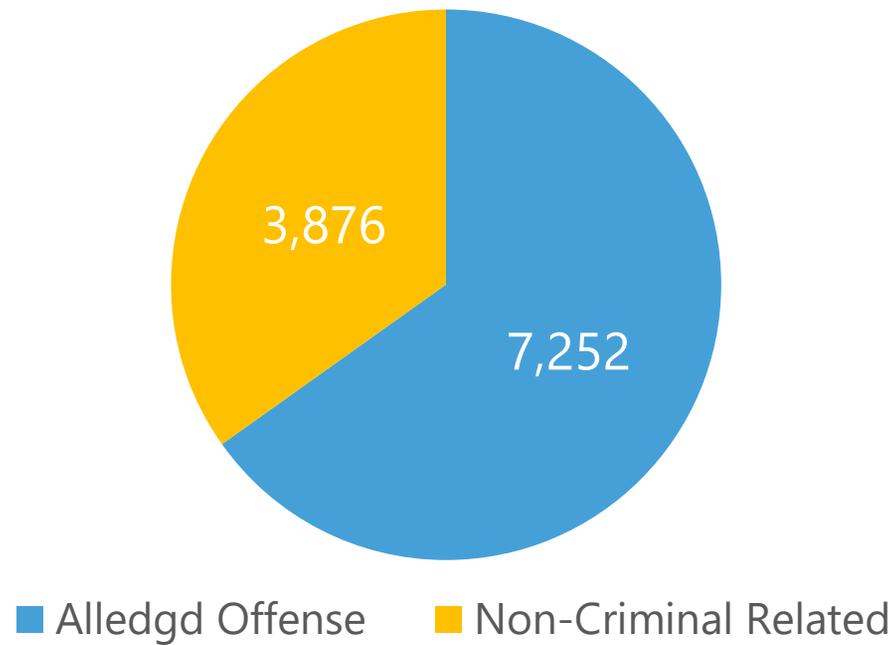
JJOC Legislative Workgroup



- Created to review and inform JJOC of the concerns, challenges, and solutions as part of HB 2329
- Included both proponents and opponents
- Included individuals from child welfare, prosecutor, juvenile defense, juvenile supervision, law enforcement, KDOC, DCF, juvenile detention, special interest, small and large communities, legislators, etc.
- Discussed and gave recommendations to the JJOC Legislative Subcommittee

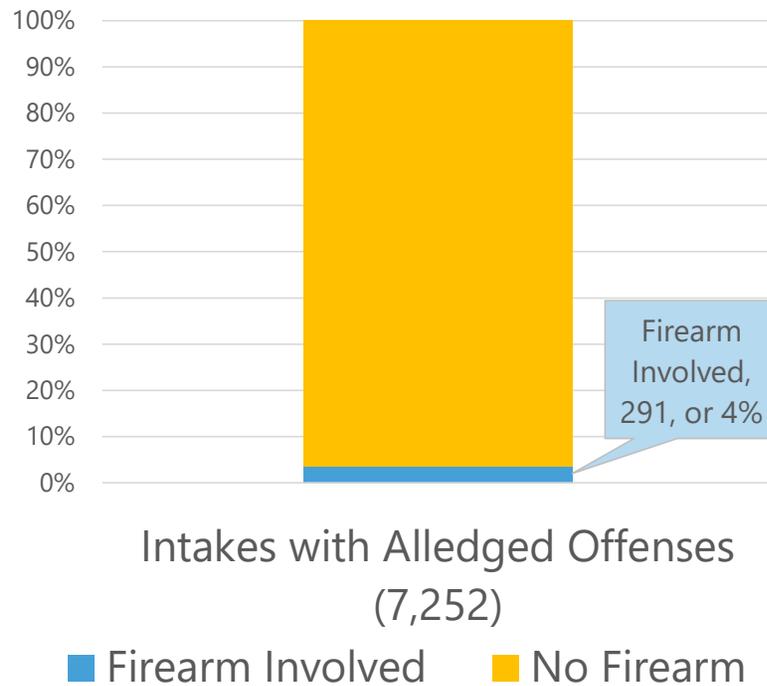
Intake Event Types in FY 2025

There were 11,127 intakes events in FY 2025, of those, 7,252 were related to an alleged criminal offense



Intake Event with firearm involved in FY 2025

Of the 7,252 related to criminal behavior, 291 had a firearm involved in the incident that led to an intake event.

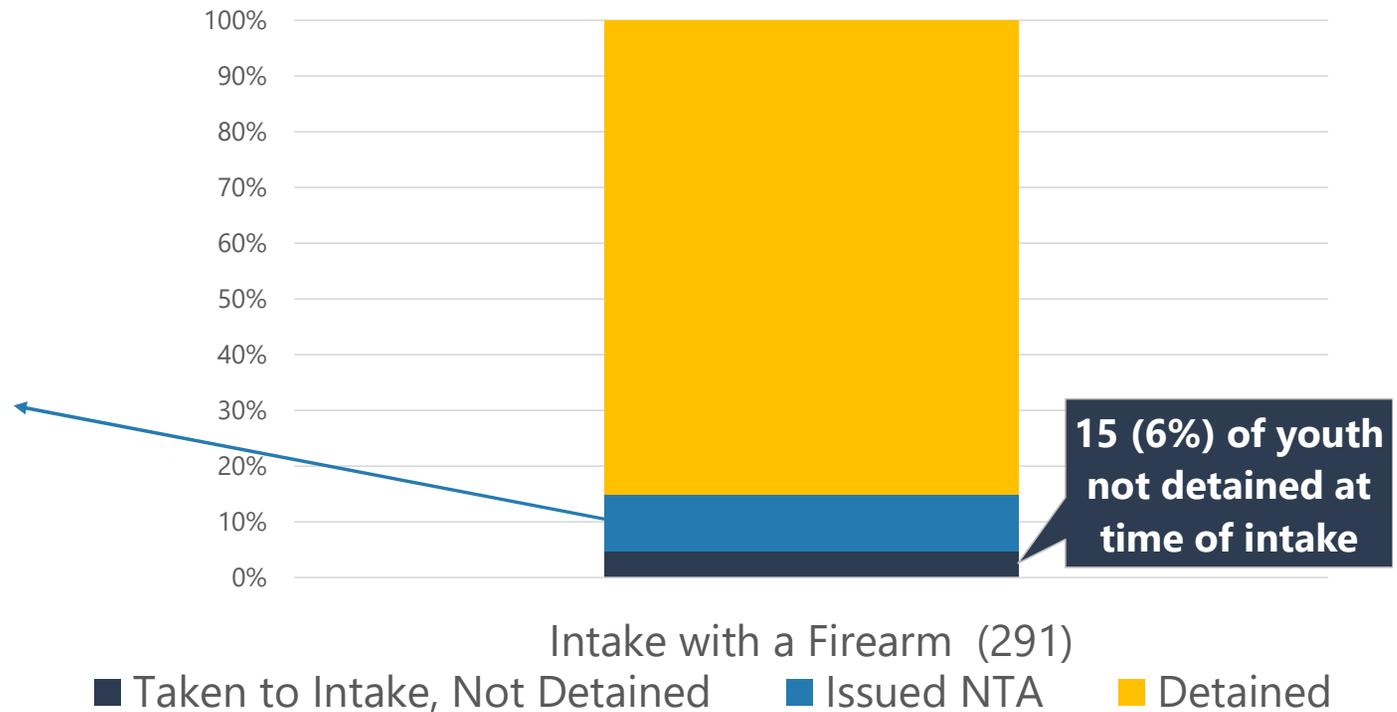


Intake Event with firearm involved in FY 2025

Most Overrides as written in HB 2329, would have impacted 15 youth (in FY 2025) that were arrested involving a firearm, brought to intake, but not detained.

85% of youth with a firearm were detained after intake

NTA – Notice to Appear: law enforcement officers used discretion, to allow youth to attend intake at a later date (10%)



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