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By Committee on Judiciary

Requested by Representative Resman

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to release of persons prior to trial; authorizing electronic monitoring with victim notification as a condition of release for certain offenders charged with a domestic violence offense, domestic battery, stalking or violation of a protective order; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2802 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) (1) If a magistrate is required to consider ordering electronic monitoring with victim notification pursuant to K.S.A. 22-2802, and amendments thereto, the magistrate may order such electronic monitoring pursuant to this section as a condition of release.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting a magistrate's authority to order electronic monitoring of a person without victim notification pursuant to K.S.A. 22-2802, and amendments thereto.

(b) In determining whether to order electronic monitoring of a person with victim notification, a magistrate may hold a hearing to consider the likelihood that the person's participation in electronic monitoring will deter the person from injuring a protected person. The magistrate shall consider the following factors:

(1) The gravity and seriousness of harm that the person inflicted on another person in the commission of any act of domestic violence;

(2) the person's previous history of domestic violence;

(3) the person's history of other criminal acts, if any;

(4) the person has access to a weapon;

(5) whether the person has threatened suicide or homicide;

(6) the person has a history of mental illness or has been civilly committed; and

(7) whether the person has a history of alcohol or substance abuse.

(c) Electronic monitoring with victim notification shall be ordered only with the protected person's informed consent after such person is given the following information:

(1) The protected person's right to refuse to participate in such monitoring and the process for requesting that the magistrate terminate such participation after monitoring has been ordered;

1 (2) the manner in which the electronic monitoring technology
2 functions and the risks and limitations of such technology;

3 (3) the boundaries imposed on the person being monitored during the
4 electronic monitoring;

5 (4) the sanctions that the magistrate may impose for violations of the
6 magistrate's orders;

7 (5) the procedure that the protected person is to follow if the person
8 being monitored violates an order or the electronic monitoring equipment
9 fails;

10 (6) identification of support services available to assist the protected
11 person in developing a safety plan to use if the person being monitored
12 violates an order or the electronic monitoring equipment fails;

13 (7) identification of community services available to assist the
14 protected person in obtaining shelter, counseling, education, child care,
15 legal representation and other help in addressing the consequences and
16 effects of domestic violence; and

17 (8) the nonconfidential nature of the protected person's
18 communications with the magistrate concerning electronic monitoring and
19 the restrictions to be imposed upon the monitored person's movements.

20 (d) Before ordering electronic monitoring of a person with victim
21 notification, the magistrate shall afford an alleged victim ~~an opportunity~~ **48**
22 **hours** to provide the magistrate with a list of areas from which the victim
23 would like the person excluded and shall consider the victim's request, if
24 any, in determining the locations that the person will be ordered to refrain
25 from going to or from being in close proximity. If the magistrate orders
26 electronic monitoring of the person with victim notification, the magistrate
27 shall specifically describe the locations that the person has been ordered to
28 refrain from going to or from being in close proximity and the minimum
29 distances, if any, that the person shall maintain from such locations.

30 (e) A person ordered to be placed on electronic monitoring with
31 victim notification shall be ordered to pay the related costs and expenses.

32 (f) An alert from an electronic monitoring device shall be probable
33 cause to arrest the monitored person for a violation of a protective order.

34 (g) The courts and state and local law enforcement agencies shall
35 share information obtained via electronic monitoring conducted pursuant
36 to this section.

37 ~~(h) A supplier of a product, system or service used for electronic~~
38 ~~monitoring with victim notification shall not be liable, directly or~~
39 ~~indirectly, for damages arising from any injury or death associated with the~~
40 ~~use of the product, system or service unless and only to the extent that~~
41 ~~such action is based on a claim that the injury or death was proximately~~
42 ~~caused by a manufacturing defect in the product or system.~~

43 (i)—As used in this section:

1 (1) "Electronic monitoring with victim notification" means an
2 electronic monitoring system that has the capability to track and monitor
3 the movement of a person and immediately transmit the monitored
4 person's location to the protected person and the local law enforcement
5 agency with jurisdiction over the protected premises through an
6 appropriate means, including, but not limited to, the telephone, an
7 electronic beeper or paging device, whenever the monitored person enters
8 or is near the protected premises; and

9 (2) "protected premises" means a location that the magistrate has
10 ordered the monitored person to refrain from going to or from being in
11 close proximity pursuant to this section.

12 ~~(j)~~(i) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas
13 code of criminal procedure.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2802 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 22-2802. (a) Any person charged with a crime shall, at the
16 person's first appearance before a magistrate, be ordered released pending
17 preliminary examination or trial upon the execution of an appearance bond
18 in an amount specified by the magistrate and sufficient to assure the
19 appearance of such person before the magistrate when ordered and to
20 assure the public safety. If the person is being bound over for a felony, the
21 bond shall also be conditioned on the person's appearance in the district
22 court or by way of a two-way electronic audio-video communication as
23 provided in subsection (n) at the time required by the court to answer the
24 charge against such person and at any time thereafter that the court
25 requires. Unless the magistrate makes a specific finding otherwise, if the
26 person is being bonded out for a person felony or a person misdemeanor,
27 the bond shall be conditioned on the person being prohibited from having
28 any contact with the alleged victim of such offense for a period of at least
29 72 hours. The magistrate may impose such of the following additional
30 conditions of release as will reasonably assure the appearance of the
31 person for preliminary examination or trial:

32 (1) Place the person in the custody of a designated person or
33 organization agreeing to supervise such person;

34 (2) place restrictions on the travel, association or place of abode of
35 the person during the period of release;

36 (3) impose any other condition deemed reasonably necessary to
37 assure appearance as required, including a condition requiring that the
38 person return to custody during specified hours;

39 (4) place the person under a house arrest program pursuant to K.S.A.
40 21-6609, and amendments thereto; or

41 (5) place the person under the supervision of a court services officer
42 responsible for monitoring the person's compliance with any conditions of
43 release ordered by the magistrate. The magistrate may order the person to

1 pay for any costs associated with the supervision provided by the court
2 services department in an amount not to exceed \$15 per week of such
3 supervision. The magistrate may also order the person to pay for all other
4 costs associated with the supervision and conditions for compliance in
5 addition to the \$15 per week.

6 (b) In addition to any conditions of release provided in subsection (a),
7 for any person charged with:

8 (1) A felony, the magistrate may order such person to submit to a
9 drug and alcohol abuse examination and evaluation in a public or private
10 treatment facility or state institution and, if determined by the head of such
11 facility or institution that such person is a drug or alcohol abuser or is
12 incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, to submit to treatment for such drug or
13 alcohol abuse, as a condition of release; *and*

14 (2) *a domestic violence offense, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5111, and*
15 *amendments thereto, domestic battery or aggravated domestic battery, as*
16 *described in K.S.A. 21-5414, and amendments thereto, stalking, as*
17 *described in K.S.A. 21-5427, and amendments thereto, or violation of a*
18 *protective order as described in K.S.A. 21-5924, and amendments thereto,*
19 *the magistrate shall consider ordering electronic monitoring of the person*
20 *with victim notification pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, as*
21 *a condition of release.*

22 (c) The appearance bond shall be executed with sufficient solvent
23 sureties who are residents of the state of Kansas, unless the magistrate
24 determines, in the exercise of such magistrate's discretion, that requiring
25 sureties is not necessary to assure the appearance of the person at the time
26 ordered.

27 (d) A deposit of cash in the amount of the bond may be made in lieu
28 of the execution of the bond pursuant to subsection (c). Except as provided
29 in subsection (e), such deposit shall be in the full amount of the bond and
30 in no event shall a deposit of cash in less than the full amount of bond be
31 permitted. Any person charged with a crime who is released on a cash
32 bond shall be entitled to a refund of all moneys paid for the cash bond,
33 after deduction of any outstanding restitution, costs, fines and fees, after
34 the final disposition of the criminal case if the person complies with all
35 requirements to appear in court. The court may not exclude the option of
36 posting bond pursuant to subsection (c).

37 (e) Except as provided further, the amount of the appearance bond
38 shall be the same whether executed as described in subsection (c) or
39 posted with a deposit of cash as described in subsection (d). When the
40 appearance bond has been set at \$2,500 or less and the most serious charge
41 against the person is a misdemeanor, a severity level 8, 9 or 10 nonperson
42 felony, a drug severity level 4 felony committed prior to July 1, 2012, a
43 drug severity level 5 felony committed on or after July 1, 2012, or a

1 violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, the magistrate may
2 allow the person to deposit cash with the clerk in the amount of 10% of the
3 bond, provided the person meets at least the following qualifications:

4 (1) Is a resident of the state of Kansas;
5 (2) has a criminal history score category of G, H or I;
6 (3) has no prior history of failure to appear for any court appearances;
7 (4) has no detainer or hold from any other jurisdiction;
8 (5) has not been extradited from, and is not awaiting extradition to,
9 another state; and

10 (6) has not been detained for an alleged violation of probation.

11 (f) In the discretion of the court, a person charged with a crime may
12 be released upon the person's own recognizance by guaranteeing payment
13 of the amount of the bond for the person's failure to comply with all
14 requirements to appear in court. The release of a person charged with a
15 crime upon the person's own recognizance shall not require the deposit of
16 any cash by the person.

17 (g) The court shall not impose any administrative fee.

18 (h) In determining which conditions of release will reasonably assure
19 appearance and the public safety, the magistrate shall, on the basis of
20 available information, take into account the nature and circumstances of
21 the crime charged; the weight of the evidence against the defendant;
22 whether the defendant is lawfully present in the United States; the
23 defendant's family ties, employment, financial resources, character, mental
24 condition, length of residence in the community, record of convictions,
25 record of appearance or failure to appear at court proceedings or of flight
26 to avoid prosecution; the likelihood or propensity of the defendant to
27 commit crimes while on release, including whether the defendant will be
28 likely to threaten, harass or cause injury to the victim of the crime or any
29 witnesses thereto; and whether the defendant is on probation or parole
30 from a previous offense at the time of the alleged commission of the
31 subsequent offense.

32 (i) The appearance bond shall set forth all of the conditions of release.

33 (j) A person for whom conditions of release are imposed and who
34 continues to be detained as a result of the person's inability to meet the
35 conditions of release shall be entitled, upon application, to have the
36 conditions reviewed without unnecessary delay by the magistrate who
37 imposed them. If the magistrate who imposed conditions of release is not
38 available, any other magistrate in the county may review such conditions.

39 (k) A magistrate ordering the release of a person on any conditions
40 specified in this section may at any time amend the order to impose
41 additional or different conditions of release. If the imposition of additional
42 or different conditions results in the detention of the person, the provisions
43 of subsection (j) shall apply.

1 (l) Statements or information offered in determining the conditions of
2 release need not conform to the rules of evidence. No statement or
3 admission of the defendant made at such a proceeding shall be received as
4 evidence in any subsequent proceeding against the defendant.

5 (m) The appearance bond and any security required as a condition of
6 the defendant's release shall be deposited in the office of the magistrate or
7 the clerk of the court where the release is ordered. If the defendant is
8 bound to appear before a magistrate or court other than the one ordering
9 the release, the order of release, together with the bond and security shall
10 be transmitted to the magistrate or clerk of the court before whom the
11 defendant is bound to appear.

12 (n) Proceedings before a magistrate as provided in this section to
13 determine the release conditions of a person charged with a crime
14 including release upon execution of an appearance bond may be conducted
15 by two-way electronic audio-video communication between the defendant
16 and the judge in lieu of personal presence of the defendant or defendant's
17 counsel in the courtroom in the discretion of the court. The defendant may
18 be accompanied by the defendant's counsel. The defendant shall be
19 informed of the defendant's right to be personally present in the courtroom
20 during such proceeding if the defendant so requests. Exercising the right to
21 be present shall in no way prejudice the defendant.

22 (o) The magistrate may order the person to pay for any costs
23 associated with the supervision of the conditions of release of the
24 appearance bond in an amount not to exceed \$15 per week of such
25 supervision *except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto*. As a
26 condition of sentencing under K.S.A. 21-6604, and amendments thereto,
27 the court may impose the full amount of any such costs in addition to the
28 \$15 per week, including, but not limited to, costs for treatment and
29 evaluation under subsection (b).

30 (p) (1) If a defendant is charged with rape, as described in K.S.A. 21-
31 5503, and amendments thereto, criminal sodomy or aggravated criminal
32 sodomy, as described in K.S.A. 21-5504, and amendments thereto,
33 aggravated sexual battery, as described in K.S.A. 21-5505, and
34 amendments thereto, or indecent liberties with a child or aggravated
35 indecent liberties with a child, as described in K.S.A. 21-5506, and
36 amendments thereto, the magistrate shall determine prior convictions of
37 such offenses or comparable out-of-state convictions upon available
38 evidence.

39 (2) If the magistrate determines that such defendant has a prior
40 conviction of any crime that constitutes a sexually violent crime as defined
41 in K.S.A. 22-4902, and amendments thereto, bond shall be at least
42 \$750,000 cash or surety and have at least minimum conditions of no
43 contact with any victims or witnesses and the magistrate shall place the

1 person under a house arrest program pursuant to subsection (a)(4). Such
2 bond shall not be reduced or modified downward unless the magistrate
3 determines by a preponderance of the evidence at an evidentiary hearing
4 and makes a written finding on the record that the defendant is not a public
5 safety risk and not a flight risk. At such evidentiary hearing, there shall be
6 a presumption that the defendant is both a public safety risk and a flight
7 risk.

8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2802 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.