

*As Amended by Senate Committee*

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*Session of 2026*

**SENATE BILL No. 374**

By Committee on Judiciary

1-22

1 AN ACT concerning criminal procedure; relating to competency of a  
2 defendant to stand trial; requiring further consideration of evaluation  
3 and treatment for defendants charged with the most serious offenses;  
4 requiring certain items to be contained in a petition and written report  
5 of the evaluation in an involuntary commitment proceeding; setting  
6 requirements for involuntary commitment proceedings when the  
7 defendant has not been committed or has been released and the court  
8 has determined a probability does not exist that the defendant will  
9 regain competency in the foreseeable future; ***requiring the court to***  
10 ***make certain findings with respect to a person who is alleged to be***  
11 ***mentally ill and subject to involuntary commitment for care and***  
12 ***treatment when such person is also a criminal defendant;*** amending  
13 K.S.A. 22-3303 and, 22-3305 and ~~K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 59-2946~~ **59-2983**  
14 and repealing the existing sections.

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

17 Section 1. K.S.A. 22-3303 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-  
18 3303. (a) (1) A defendant who is charged with a crime and is found to be  
19 incompetent to stand trial shall be ordered for evaluation and treatment,  
20 conducted on an outpatient or inpatient basis, by an appropriate state,  
21 county or private institution or facility. Evaluation or restorative treatment  
22 of a defendant shall not be conducted in a jail unless the administrative  
23 head or law enforcement official in charge of the jail agrees to such  
24 evaluation or restorative treatment being conducted in such jail.

25 (2) An evaluation and treatment may be ordered to be conducted on  
26 an outpatient basis in person or by use of available electronic means while  
27 the defendant is in jail, at any secure location, on pretrial release or in any  
28 other appropriate setting.

29 (3) ~~For a defendant charged with a misdemeanor offense, outpatient~~  
30 ~~evaluation and treatment may be ordered to be conducted by an~~  
31 ~~appropriate state, county or private institution or facility.~~

32 (4) ~~For a defendant charged with a felony offense, outpatient~~  
33 ~~evaluation and treatment may be ordered to be conducted by an~~  
34 ~~appropriate state, county or private institution or facility.~~

35 (5) For a defendant charged with a felony offense, a commitment to  
36 the state security hospital or its agent or a state hospital or its agent ~~may be~~

1        *shall be conducted on—a an inpatient basis or, if the defendant meets the*  
2        *screening criteria established by the state security hospital, on an*  
3        *outpatient basis **by an appropriate state, county or private institution or***  
4        ***facility.***

5        (6)(4) At the commencement of outpatient treatment, the institution  
6        or facility conducting the treatment shall notify the prosecuting attorney ~~in~~  
7        ~~the county where the criminal proceeding is~~ *for the pending criminal*  
8        *proceeding* for the purpose of providing victim notification.

9        (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d), if the defendant is  
10       ordered to receive an evaluation and treatment on an outpatient basis  
11       conducted by an appropriate state, county or private institution or facility,  
12       the chief medical officer of such institution or head of such facility shall  
13       certify to the court, within 90 days after the commencement of outpatient  
14       treatment, whether the defendant has a substantial probability of attaining  
15       competency to stand trial in the foreseeable future. The court shall set a  
16       hearing within 21 days after certification unless exceptional circumstances  
17       warrant delay, for the purpose of determining competency.

18       (2) If such probability does exist, the court shall order the defendant  
19       to remain in jail or at a secure location, on pretrial release pursuant to  
20       K.S.A. 22-2802, and amendments thereto, or at an appropriate setting until  
21       the defendant attains competency to stand trial or for a period of six  
22       months from the date of the commencement of outpatient treatment,  
23       whichever occurs first. If such probability does not exist, *or if the*  
24       *defendant has not attained competency to stand trial within six months*  
25       *after the date of the commencement of treatment*, the court shall order the  
26       prosecuting attorney ~~where the charges are filed~~ *for the pending criminal*  
27       *proceeding* to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to  
28       article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments  
29       thereto, within 21 days of receipt of the certification from the chief  
30       medical officer of the institution or head of the facility unless exceptional  
31       circumstances warrant delay. When a defendant is charged with any off-  
32       grid felony, any nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony, or a violation of  
33       K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719, prior to their  
34       repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-5604(b) or 21-  
35       5812(b), and amendments thereto, *or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal*  
36       *solicitation of an offense described in this paragraph*, and commitment  
37       proceedings have commenced, for such proceeding, "mentally ill person  
38       subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment" means a  
39       mentally ill person, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(e), and amendments  
40       thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self or others, as defined in K.S.A.  
41       59-2946(f)(3), and amendments thereto. The other provisions of K.S.A.  
42       59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.

43       (3)—*If a defendant who was found to have had a substantial probability*

1 of attaining competency to stand trial, as provided in paragraph (2), has  
2 not attained competency to stand trial within six months from the date of  
3 the original commitment, the court shall order the prosecuting attorney  
4 where the charges are filed or the secretary for aging and disability  
5 services to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to  
6 article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments  
7 thereto, within 21 days of receipt of the certification from the chief  
8 medical officer of the institution or the head of the facility unless  
9 exceptional circumstances warrant delay. When a defendant is charged  
10 with any off-grid felony, any nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony, or  
11 a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719,  
12 prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-  
13 5604(b) or 21-5812(b), and amendments thereto, and commitment  
14 proceedings have commenced, for such proceeding, "mentally ill person  
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17 thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self or others, as defined in K.S.A.  
18 59-2946(f)(3), and amendments thereto. The other provisions of K.S.A.  
19 59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.

20 (4) When reasonable grounds exist to believe that a defendant who  
21 has been adjudged incompetent to stand trial is competent, the court in  
22 which the criminal case is pending shall conduct a hearing in accordance  
23 with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto, to determine the person's  
24 present mental condition. Such court shall give reasonable notice of such  
25 hearings to the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and the defendant's  
26 attorney of record, if any. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim  
27 notification. If the court, following such hearing, finds the defendant to be  
28 competent, the proceedings pending against the defendant shall be  
29 resumed.

30 (5)(4) A defendant committed to a public institution or facility under  
31 the provisions of this section who is thereafter sentenced for the crime  
32 charged at the time of commitment shall be credited with all of the time  
33 during which the defendant was committed and confined in such public  
34 institution or facility.

35 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d), if a defendant is ordered  
36 or met criteria to receive an evaluation and treatment on an outpatient  
37 basis conducted by the state security hospital or its agent or a state hospital  
38 or its agent, the chief medical officer shall certify to the court, within 90  
39 days after commencement of treatment, whether the defendant has a  
40 substantial probability of attaining competency to stand trial in the  
41 foreseeable future.

42 (2) If such probability does exist, the court shall order the defendant  
43 to remain in jail or at a secure location, on pretrial release pursuant to

1 K.S.A. 22-2802, and amendments thereto, or at an appropriate setting until  
2 the defendant attains competency to stand trial or for a period of six  
3 months from the date of the commencement of outpatient treatment,  
4 whichever occurs first. If such probability does not exist, *or if the*  
5 *defendant has not attained competency to stand trial within six months*  
6 *from the date of the commencement of treatment*, the court shall order the  
7 prosecuting attorney ~~where the charges are filed or the secretary for aging~~  
8 ~~and disability services for the pending criminal proceeding~~ to commence  
9 involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59  
10 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, within 21 days  
11 of receipt of the certification from the chief medical officer of the  
12 institution or the head of the facility unless exceptional circumstances  
13 warrant delay. When a defendant is charged with any off-grid felony, any  
14 nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony or a violation of K.S.A. 21-  
15 3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719, prior to their repeal, or  
16 K.S.A. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-5604(b) or 21-5812(b),  
17 and amendments thereto, *or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal*  
18 *solicitation of an offense described in this paragraph*, and commitment  
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22 thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self or others, as defined in K.S.A.  
23 59-2946(f)(3), and amendments thereto. The other provisions of K.S.A.  
24 59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.

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30 ~~services to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to~~  
31 ~~article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments~~  
32 ~~thereto, within 21 days of receipt of the certification from the chief~~  
33 ~~medical officer of the institution or the head of the facility unless~~  
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35 ~~with any off-grid felony, any nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony or~~  
36 ~~a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719,~~  
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1 ~~59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.~~

2 (4) When reasonable grounds exist to believe that a defendant who  
3 has been adjudged incompetent to stand trial is competent, the court in  
4 which the criminal case is pending shall conduct a hearing in accordance  
5 with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto, to determine the person's  
6 present mental condition. Such court shall give reasonable notice of such  
7 hearings to the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and the defendant's  
8 attorney of record, if any. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim  
9 notification. If the court, following such hearing, finds the defendant to be  
10 competent, the proceedings pending against the defendant shall be  
11 resumed.

12 (5)(4) A defendant committed to a public institution or facility under  
13 the provisions of this section who is thereafter sentenced for the crime  
14 charged at the time of commitment shall be credited with all of the time  
15 during which the defendant was committed and confined in such public  
16 institution or facility.

17 (d) (1) If the defendant is ordered or met criteria to receive an  
18 evaluation and treatment on an outpatient basis and the chief medical  
19 officer of the appropriate state, county or private institution or facility  
20 determines that the defendant's mental health condition or behaviors  
21 warrant terminating outpatient treatment services and commencing  
22 evaluation and treatment on an inpatient basis, the chief medical officer of  
23 the institution or the head of the facility shall provide a report to the court  
24 within 10 days after outpatient treatment services are terminated. Such  
25 report shall certify the date that outpatient treatment was terminated and  
26 the reason inpatient evaluation and treatment services are recommended. A  
27 copy of such report shall be provided to the chief medical officer of the  
28 state security hospital. Upon receipt of such report, the court shall issue  
29 any orders or warrants required to facilitate the sheriff of the county where  
30 the charges are filed to take the defendant into custody and transport such  
31 defendant to the state security hospital or its agent or a state hospital or its  
32 agent for admission for inpatient services. The chief medical officer shall  
33 submit a report pursuant to subsection (e) as to whether the defendant has  
34 attained competency within 90 days of the defendant's admission to such  
35 hospital for inpatient evaluation and treatment.

36 (2) The court, prosecuting attorney—~~where criminal charges are~~  
37 ~~pending~~, the defense counsel for a defendant charged with a felony offense  
38 who is receiving outpatient evaluation and treatment services and the chief  
39 medical officer of any institution or the head of any facility where the  
40 defendant is receiving outpatient services shall provide requested  
41 documentation to the state security hospital or its agent or the state  
42 hospital or its agent for the purpose of managing inpatient admission.

43 (e) (1) If the defendant is charged with a felony offense, the court

1 may order a defendant to receive inpatient evaluation and treatment at an  
2 appropriate state, county or private institution or facility after considering  
3 the defendant's mental condition, behaviors and the availability of  
4 outpatient evaluation and treatment options. The chief medical officer of  
5 the institution or the head of the facility shall certify to the court, within 90  
6 days after the commencement of inpatient treatment, whether the  
7 defendant has a substantial probability of attaining competency to stand  
8 trial in the foreseeable future.

9 (2) If such probability does exist, the court shall order the defendant  
10 to remain in jail or at a secure location, on pretrial release pursuant to  
11 K.S.A. 22-2802, and amendments thereto, or at an appropriate setting until  
12 the defendant attains competency to stand trial or for a period of six  
13 months from the date of the commencement of inpatient treatment,  
14 whichever occurs first. If such probability does not exist, *or if the*  
15 *defendant has not attained competency to stand trial within six months*  
16 *from the date of the commencement of treatment*, the court shall order the  
17 prosecuting attorney ~~where the charges are filed or the secretary for aging~~  
18 ~~and disability services for the pending criminal proceeding~~ to commence  
19 involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59  
20 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, within 21 days  
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35 (3) ~~If a defendant who was found to have had a substantial probability~~  
36 ~~of attaining competency to stand trial, as provided in paragraph (2), has~~  
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38 ~~the original commitment, the court shall order the prosecuting attorney~~  
39 ~~where the charges are filed or the secretary for aging and disability~~  
40 ~~services to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to~~  
41 ~~article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments~~  
42 ~~thereto, within 21 days of receipt of the certification from the chief~~  
43 ~~medical officer of the institution or the head of the facility unless~~

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4       prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-  
5       5604(b) or 21-5812(b), and amendments thereto, and commitment  
6       proceedings have commenced, for such proceeding, "mentally ill person  
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8       mentally ill person, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(e), and amendments  
9       thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self or others, as defined in K.S.A.  
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11      59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.

12      (4) When reasonable grounds exist to believe that a defendant who  
13       has been adjudged incompetent to stand trial is competent, the court in  
14       which the criminal case is pending shall conduct a hearing in accordance  
15       with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto, to determine the person's  
16       present mental condition. Such court shall give reasonable notice of such  
17       hearings to the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and the defendant's  
18       attorney of record, if any. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim  
19       notification. If the court, following such hearing, finds the defendant to be  
20       competent, the proceedings pending against the defendant shall be  
21       resumed.

22      (5)(4) A defendant committed to a public institution or facility under  
23       the provisions of this section who is thereafter sentenced for the crime  
24       charged at the time of commitment shall be credited with all of the time  
25       during which the defendant was committed and confined in such public  
26       institution or facility.

27      (f) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 59-29a22, and  
28       amendments thereto, psychotropic medications may be prescribed for any  
29       defendant who is ordered or has met the criteria to receive evaluation and  
30       treatment on an inpatient or outpatient basis at an appropriate state, county  
31       or private institution or facility.

32      (2) Psychotropic medications shall be prescribed, ordered and  
33       administered in conformity with accepted clinical practice. Psychotropic  
34       medication shall be administered only upon the written order of a  
35       physician or upon a verbal order noted in the defendant's medical records  
36       and subsequently signed by the physician. The attending physician shall  
37       regularly review the drug regimen of each defendant under such  
38       physician's care and shall monitor any symptoms of harmful side effects.

39      (3) Whenever any defendant is receiving psychotropic medications  
40       that alter the defendant's mental state in such a way as to adversely affect  
41       the defendant's judgment or hamper the defendant in preparing for or  
42       participating in any hearing provided for by this section, for two days prior  
43       to and during any such hearing, the treatment institution or facility shall

1 not administer such medication or treatment unless such medication or  
2 treatment is necessary to sustain the defendant's life or to protect the  
3 defendant or others. Prior to the hearing, a report of all psychotropic  
4 medications or other treatment that has been administered to the defendant  
5 and a copy of any written consent signed by the defendant shall be  
6 submitted to the court. Counsel for the defendant may preliminarily  
7 examine the attending physician regarding the administration of any  
8 medication to the defendant within two days of the hearing and the effect  
9 that medication may have had on the defendant's judgment or ability to  
10 prepare for or participate in the hearing. If the court determines that  
11 medication or other treatment has been administered that adversely affects  
12 the defendant's judgment or ability to prepare for or participate in the  
13 hearing, the court may grant the defendant a reasonable continuance to  
14 allow for the defendant to be better able to prepare for or participate in the  
15 hearing. The court shall order that such medication or other treatment be  
16 discontinued until the conclusion of the hearing unless the court finds that  
17 such medication or other treatment is necessary to sustain the defendant's  
18 life or to protect the defendant or others. If the court makes such a finding,  
19 the court shall order the hearing to proceed.

20 (4) (A) If a defendant who is charged with a felony is receiving  
21 treatment pursuant to this section and is not deemed a present danger to  
22 self or others objects to taking any medication prescribed for the purpose  
23 of restoring the defendant to competency, the defendant's objection shall  
24 be recorded in the defendant's medical record and written notice of such  
25 objection shall be forwarded to the medical director of the treatment  
26 institution or facility or the director's designee and to the court where the  
27 criminal charges are pending. ~~The medication may be administered over~~  
~~the defendant's objection only if the court finds Within 30 days after~~  
~~receipt of such objection, the medical director of the treatment~~  
~~institution or facility shall certify to the court whether medication would~~  
~~aid in restoring the defendant's competency. The court shall set the~~  
~~matter for hearing within 30 days after receipt of such certification~~  
~~unless exceptional circumstances warrant delay. At such hearing, the~~  
~~prosecuting attorney has the burden to establish by clear and convincing~~  
~~evidence that:~~

36 (A) (i) *The medication is substantially likely to render the*  
37 *defendant competent to stand trial;*

38 (ii) the medication is substantially unlikely to have side effects that  
39 may undermine the fairness of the trial;

40 (B)(iii) the medication is medically appropriate;

41 (C)(iv) less intrusive alternatives have been considered;

42 (D)(v) the medication is necessary to advance significantly important  
43 governmental trial interests; and

1        (E)(vi) the administrative head or law enforcement official in charge  
2 of the jail has agreed to having the medication administered over the  
3 defendant's objection in the jail.

4        *(B) The defendant shall be represented by counsel at a hearing  
5 conducted pursuant to subparagraph (A) but is not required to be  
6 present at the discretion of the court. The court shall permit the  
7 prosecuting attorney and the defendant to present evidence and  
8 witnesses relevant to the matter. The court may permit testimony  
9 through a two-way electronic audio-visual communication device. Any  
10 other proceeding related to the defendant's competency shall be  
11 suspended or continued pending a determination of the court under this  
12 paragraph. If the court makes a written finding that the prosecuting  
13 attorney has met the burden described in subparagraph (A), the court  
14 shall issue an order requiring the medication to be administered over the  
15 defendant's objection. If the court makes a written finding that the  
16 prosecuting attorney has failed to meet such burden, the court shall  
17 order competency proceedings to resume.*

18        (5) No experimental medication shall be administered without the  
19 consent of the defendant or such defendant's legal guardian.

20        (g) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been  
21 commenced as required by this section:

22        (1) The petition shall:

23        (A) Be accompanied by the court order to commence involuntary  
24 commitment proceedings, the initial evaluation to determine competency  
25 and the reports pertaining to whether the defendant has a substantial  
26 probability of attaining competency to stand trial in the foreseeable future;  
27 and

28        (B) not be required to include a state screen or a signed certificate;

29        (2) the written report of the evaluation shall include:

30        (A) A report on the reason for admission or case filing;

31        (B) the current mental status of the defendant;

32        (C) the medications that the defendant is currently taking, if any;

33        (D) the likelihood of the defendant causing harm to self or others,  
34 including an analysis of whether the defendant understands the  
35 seriousness of the charges alleged; and

36        (E) any diagnosis of the defendant; and

37        (3) having been found incompetent in the pending criminal case, the  
38 defendant shall be deemed to lack capacity to make informed decisions  
39 concerning treatment until such time as the chief medical officer  
40 overseeing the defendant's treatment determines that competency is  
41 restored.

42        Sec. 2. K.S.A. 22-3305 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-  
43 3305. (a) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been

1 commenced by the secretary for aging and disability services or the  
2 prosecuting attorney as required by K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments  
3 thereto, ~~and the prosecuting attorney for the pending criminal proceeding~~  
4 ~~shall have standing, concurrent with the prosecuting attorney of the~~  
5 ~~county in which the hearing is held, to appear at such proceedings, call or~~  
6 ~~inquire of any witness with information relevant to the hearing and offer~~  
7 ~~argument to the court. If the defendant is not committed to a treatment~~  
8 ~~institution or facility as a patient, the defendant shall remain in the~~  
9 ~~institution or facility where committed pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3303, and~~  
10 ~~amendments thereto, until the court has determined that additional~~  
11 ~~evaluation and treatment is no longer warranted pursuant to subsection~~  
12 ~~(e). The secretary for aging and disability services or the prosecuting~~  
13 ~~attorney shall promptly notify the court and the prosecuting attorney of the~~  
14 ~~county where the criminal proceedings are pending for the purpose of~~  
15 ~~providing victim notification; of the result of the involuntary commitment~~  
16 ~~proceeding.~~

17 (b) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been  
18 commenced by the secretary for aging and disability services or the  
19 prosecuting attorney as required by K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments  
20 thereto, and the defendant is committed to a treatment institution or facility  
21 as a patient but thereafter is to be discharged pursuant to the care and  
22 treatment act for mentally ill persons, the defendant shall remain in the  
23 institution or facility where committed pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3303, and  
24 amendments thereto, and the head of the treatment institution or facility  
25 shall promptly notify the court and the prosecuting attorney of the county  
26 where the criminal proceedings are pending for the purpose of providing  
27 victim notification; that the defendant is to be discharged *from the*  
28 *involuntary commitment.*

29 (c) When giving notification to the court and the prosecuting attorney  
30 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), the treatment institution or facility shall  
31 include in such notification an opinion from the head of the treatment  
32 institution or facility as to whether or not the defendant is now competent  
33 to stand trial. Upon request of the prosecuting attorney, the court may set a  
34 hearing on the issue of whether or not the defendant has been restored to  
35 competency. If such hearing request is granted, the prosecuting attorney  
36 shall provide victim notification regarding the hearing date. Such hearing  
37 request shall be filed within 14 days of completion of the notification from  
38 the head of the treatment institution or facility pursuant to subsection (a) or  
39 (b). The hearing shall take place within 21 days after receipt of the hearing  
40 request unless the court finds that exceptional circumstances warrant delay  
41 of the hearing. If no such hearing request is made within 14 days after  
42 receipt of notice pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), the court shall order the  
43 defendant to be discharged from commitment and shall dismiss without

1 prejudice the charges against the defendant, and the period of limitation for  
2 the prosecution for the crime charged shall not continue to run until the  
3 defendant has been determined to have attained competency in accordance  
4 with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto. The prosecuting attorney  
5 shall provide victim notification regarding the discharge order.

6 ~~(d) To determine whether a defendant is likely to cause harm to self  
7 or others as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and amendments thereto, during  
8 the course of an involuntary commitment proceeding commenced pursuant  
9 to K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, the court shall conduct a  
10 hearing in accordance with K.S.A. 59-2965(d), and amendments thereto,  
11 and consider the totality of the circumstances, including, but not limited  
12 to, prior convictions or adjudications and pending crimes allegedly  
13 committed by the defendant.~~

14 ~~(e) (1) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been  
15 commenced as required by K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, and  
16 the defendant has not been committed or has been released from such  
17 commitment pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) but the court determines that  
18 a probability still does not exist that the defendant will regain competency  
19 within the foreseeable future, the court shall consider the nature of the  
20 pending criminal proceedings to determine if additional evaluation and  
21 treatment are necessary and:~~

22 ~~(A) If the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor or nonperson  
23 felony, the court shall dismiss the criminal proceedings without prejudice,  
24 and the prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification.~~

25 ~~(B) Except as provided in paragraph (1)(C), if the defendant is  
26 charged with a person felony, the court shall provide notice to the parties  
27 of the pending criminal proceedings that, unless the prosecuting attorney  
28 objects in writing within 14 days of receipt of such notice, the criminal  
29 proceedings shall be dismissed without prejudice. If the prosecuting  
30 attorney objects, the court shall set the matter for hearing within 14 days  
31 after receipt of such objection to determine whether to enter an order of  
32 further commitment for additional evaluation and treatment pursuant to  
33 paragraph (2). The court may grant a continuance of the hearing for good  
34 cause.~~

35 ~~(C) If the defendant is charged with an off-grid felony, any nondrug  
36 severity level 1 **through** 3 felony or a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511  
37 or 21-3719, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), or 21-  
38 5812(b), and amendments thereto, or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal  
39 solicitation of an offense described in this subparagraph, the court shall  
40 set the matter for hearing to determine whether to enter an order of  
41 further commitment for additional evaluation and treatment pursuant to  
42 paragraph (2).~~

43 ~~(2) At a hearing held pursuant to this subsection, the prosecuting~~

1 attorney has the burden to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence,  
2 that there is a compelling state interest in ordering further evaluation and  
3 treatment for the defendant. The defendant shall be represented by counsel  
4 at such hearing but is not required to be present at the discretion of the  
5 court. In making a determination whether there is a compelling state  
6 interest in ordering further evaluation and treatment, the court shall  
7 review the nature and seriousness of the pending charges, including  
8 whether there is probable cause to support the pending charges, and shall  
9 consider:

10 (A) Whether the alleged offenses create a serious risk to public safety  
11 and evaluate:

12 (i) Whether the charge includes an allegation that the defendant  
13 actually inflicted bodily or emotional harm on another person or created a  
14 reasonable apprehension of bodily or emotional harm to another person;

15 (ii) the extent of the impact of the alleged offense on public safety;

16 (iii) the number and nature of related charges pending against the  
17 defendant;

18 (iv) the length of potential confinement if the defendant is convicted;  
19 and

20 (v) the number of potential and actual victims or persons impacted by  
21 the defendant's alleged acts;

22 (B) the prior history of the defendant, including, but not limited to,  
23 criminal history, treatment history and history of violence; and

24 (C) any evidence of whether further treatment is likely to be  
25 successful in restoring competency or reducing the risk of offender  
26 recidivism.

27 (3) If the court finds that there is a compelling state interest in  
28 ordering further evaluation and treatment of the defendant, the court shall  
29 proceed in accordance with K.S.A. ~~22-3305~~ 22-3303, and amendments  
30 thereto. If the court finds that there is no compelling state interest in  
31 ordering further evaluation and treatment, the case shall be dismissed  
32 without prejudice, and the prosecuting attorney shall provide victim  
33 notification.

34 See. 3. ~~K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 59-2946 is hereby amended to read as~~  
35 ~~follows: 59-2946. When used in the care and treatment act for mentally ill~~  
36 ~~persons:~~

37 (a) ~~"Discharge"~~ means the final and complete release from treatment,  
38 by either the head of a treatment facility acting pursuant to K.S.A. 59-  
39 2950, and amendments thereto, or by an order of a court issued pursuant to  
40 K.S.A. 59-2973, and amendments thereto.

41 (b) ~~"Head of a treatment facility"~~ means the administrative director of  
42 a treatment facility or such person's designee.

43 (e) ~~"Law enforcement officer"~~ means the same as defined in K.S.A.

1 22-2202, and amendments thereto.

2 (d) (1) "Mental health center" means any community mental health  
3 center as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto, or a mental  
4 health clinic organized as a not for profit or a for profit corporation  
5 pursuant to K.S.A. 17-1701 through 17-1775, and amendments thereto, or  
6 K.S.A. 17-6001 through 17-6010, and amendments thereto, and licensed in  
7 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 39-2001 et seq., and  
8 amendments thereto.

9 (2) "Participating mental health center" means a mental health center  
10 that has entered into a contract with the secretary for aging and disability  
11 services pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 39-1601 through 39-1612,  
12 and amendments thereto.

13 (e) "Mentally ill person" means any person who is suffering from a  
14 mental disorder that is manifested by a clinically significant behavioral or  
15 psychological syndrome or pattern and associated with either a painful  
16 symptom or an impairment in one or more important areas of functioning,  
17 and involving substantial behavioral, psychological or biological  
18 dysfunction, to the extent that the person is in need of treatment.

19 (f) (1) "Mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for  
20 care and treatment" means a mentally ill person, as defined in subsection  
21 (e), who also lacks capacity to make an informed decision concerning  
22 treatment, is likely to cause harm to self or others, and whose diagnosis is  
23 not solely one of the following mental disorders: Alcohol or chemical  
24 substance abuse; antisocial personality disorder; intellectual disability;  
25 organic personality syndrome; or an organic mental disorder.

26 (2) "Lacks capacity to make an informed decision concerning  
27 treatment" means that the person, by reason of the person's mental  
28 disorder, is unable, despite conscientious efforts at explanation, to  
29 understand basically the nature and effects of hospitalization or treatment  
30 or is unable to engage in a rational decision making process regarding  
31 hospitalization or treatment, as evidenced by an inability to weigh the  
32 possible risks and benefits.

33 (3) (4) "Likely to cause harm to self or others" means that the person,  
34 by reason of the person's mental disorder:

35 (A)(i) Is likely, in the reasonably foreseeable future, to cause  
36 substantial physical injury or physical abuse to self or others or substantial  
37 damage to another's property, as evidenced by behavior threatening,  
38 attempting or causing such injury, abuse or damage; except that if the harm  
39 threatened, attempted or caused is only harm to the property of another, the  
40 harm must be of such a value and extent that the state's interest in  
41 protecting the property from such harm outweighs the person's interest in  
42 personal liberty; or

43 (B)(ii) is substantially unable, except for reason of indigency, to

1 provide for any of the person's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter,  
2 health or safety, causing a substantial deterioration of the person's ability  
3 to function on the person's own.

4 (B) No person who is being treated by prayer in the practice of the  
5 religion of any church that teaches reliance on spiritual means alone  
6 through prayer for healing shall be determined to be a mentally ill person  
7 subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment under this act  
8 unless substantial evidence is produced upon which the district court finds  
9 that the proposed patient is likely in the reasonably foreseeable future to  
10 cause substantial physical injury or physical abuse to self or others or  
11 substantial damage to another's *another person's* property, as evidenced by  
12 behavior threatening, attempting or causing such injury, abuse or damage;  
13 except that if the harm threatened, attempted or caused is only harm to the  
14 property of another, the harm must be of such a value and extent that the  
15 state's interest in protecting the property from such harm outweighs the  
16 person's interest in personal liberty.

17 (C) *A defendant subject to involuntary commitment proceedings  
18 commenced pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, who is  
19 charged with an off-grid felony, a nondrug severity level 1 through 3  
20 felony or a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511 or 21-3719, prior to their  
21 repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b) or 21-5812(b), and amendments  
22 thereto, or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation of an offense  
23 described in this subparagraph shall be deemed "likely to cause harm to  
24 self or others."*

25 (g) "Patient" means a person who is a voluntary patient, a proposed  
26 patient or an involuntary patient.

27 (1) "Voluntary patient" means a person who is receiving treatment at  
28 a treatment facility pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2949, and amendments thereto.

29 (2) "Proposed patient" means a person for whom a petition pursuant  
30 to K.S.A. 59-2952 or 59-2957, and amendments thereto, has been filed.

31 (3) "Involuntary patient" means a person who is receiving treatment  
32 under order of a court or a person admitted and detained by a treatment  
33 facility pursuant to an application filed pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2954(b) or  
34 (e), and amendments thereto.

35 (h) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and  
36 surgery as provided for in the Kansas healing arts act or a person who is  
37 employed by a state psychiatric hospital or by an agency of the United  
38 States and who is authorized by law to practice medicine and surgery  
39 within that hospital or agency.

40 (i) "Psychologist" means a licensed psychologist, as defined by  
41 K.S.A. 74-5302, and amendments thereto.

42 (j) "Qualified mental health professional" means a physician or  
43 psychologist who is employed by a participating mental health center or

1 who is providing services as a physician or psychologist under a contract  
2 with a participating mental health center, a licensed master's level  
3 psychologist, a licensed clinical psychotherapist, a licensed marriage and  
4 family therapist, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, a  
5 licensed professional counselor, a licensed clinical professional counselor,  
6 a licensed specialist social worker or a licensed master social worker or a  
7 registered nurse who has a specialty in psychiatric nursing, who is  
8 employed by a participating mental health center and who is acting under  
9 the direction of a physician or psychologist who is employed by, or under  
10 contract with, a participating mental health center.

11 (1) "Direction" means monitoring and oversight including regular,  
12 periodic evaluation of services.

13 (2) "Licensed master social worker" means a person licensed as a  
14 master social worker by the behavioral sciences regulatory board under  
15 K.S.A. 65-6301 through 65-6318, and amendments thereto.

16 (3) "Licensed specialist social worker" means a person licensed in a  
17 social work practice specialty by the behavioral sciences regulatory board  
18 under K.S.A. 65-6301 through 65-6318, and amendments thereto.

19 (4) "Licensed master's level psychologist" means a person licensed as  
20 a licensed master's level psychologist by the behavioral sciences regulatory  
21 board under K.S.A. 74-5361 through 74-5373, and amendments thereto.

22 (5) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed as a registered  
23 professional nurse by the board of nursing under K.S.A. 65-1113 through  
24 65-1164, and amendments thereto.

25 (k) "Secretary" means the secretary for aging and disability services.

26 (l) "State psychiatric hospital" means Larned state hospital,  
27 Osawatomie state hospital or south central regional mental health hospital.

28 (m) "Treatment" means any service intended to promote the mental  
29 health of the patient and rendered by a qualified professional, licensed or  
30 certified by the state to provide such service as an independent practitioner  
31 or under the supervision of such practitioner.

32 (n) "Treatment facility" means any mental health center or clinic,  
33 psychiatric unit of a medical care facility, state psychiatric hospital,  
34 psychologist, physician or other institution or person authorized or  
35 licensed by law to provide either inpatient or outpatient treatment to any  
36 patient.

37 (o) The terms defined in K.S.A. 59-30,102, and amendments thereto,  
38 shall have the meanings provided by that section.

39 *Sec. 3. K.S.A. 59-2983 is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-*  
40 *2983. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to any person*  
41 *alleged or thought to be a mentally ill person subject to involuntary*  
42 *commitment for care and treatment under this act who is in custody on a*  
43 *criminal charge, except with the consent of either the prosecuting*

**1 attorney or trial court.**

2       (b) (1) During an involuntary commitment proceeding initiated  
3 pursuant to article 33 of chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and  
4 amendments thereto, the court shall consider the totality of the  
5 circumstances, including, but not limited to, prior convictions or  
6 adjudications, pending crimes allegedly committed by the criminal  
7 defendant and any presumption provided by paragraph (2).

8       (2) If such criminal defendant is charged with an off-grid or nondrug  
9 severity level 1 through 3 felony or a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511  
10 or 21-3719, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b) or 21-  
11 5812(b), and amendments thereto, or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal  
12 solicitation of an offense described in this paragraph, there shall be a  
13 presumption that such criminal defendant is likely to cause harm to self or  
14 others whenever the court is required to determine whether a criminal  
15 defendant is a mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for  
16 care and treatment under this act.

17       (3) A criminal defendant shall not be discharged from an involuntary  
18 commitment initiated pursuant to article 33 of chapter 22 of the Kansas  
19 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, without the court conducting  
20 a hearing in accordance with this section and K.S.A. 59-2965(d), and  
21 amendments thereto, to determine whether such criminal defendant  
22 remains a mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care  
23 and treatment under this act.

24       Sec. 4. K.S.A. 22-3303 and, 22-3305 and ~~K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 59-2946~~  
25 **59-2983** are hereby repealed.

26       Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
27 publication in the Kansas register.