

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**38-2346. Immediate intervention programs.** (a) Each director of juvenile intake and assessment services in collaboration with the county or district attorney shall adopt a policy and establish guidelines for an immediate intervention process by which a juvenile may avoid prosecution. The guidelines may include information on any offenders beyond those enumerated in subsection (b)(1) that shall be referred to immediate intervention. In addition to juvenile intake and assessment services adopting policies and guidelines for the immediate intervention process, the court, the county or district attorney, the director of the intake and assessment center and other relevant individuals or organizations, pursuant to a written agreement, shall collaboratively develop local programs to:

- (1) Provide for the direct referral of cases to immediate intervention programs by the county or district attorney and the intake and assessment worker.
- (2) Allow intake and assessment workers to issue a summons, as defined in subsection (e) and if juvenile intake and assessment services has adopted appropriate policies and guidelines, allow law enforcement officers to issue such a summons.
- (3) Allow the intake and assessment centers and other immediate intervention program providers to directly purchase services for the juvenile and the juvenile's family.
- (4) Allow intake and assessment workers to direct the release of a juvenile prior to a detention hearing after the completion of the intake and assessment process pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) A juvenile who goes through the juvenile intake and assessment process pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and amendments thereto, shall be offered the opportunity to participate in an immediate intervention program and avoid prosecution if the juvenile is charged with a misdemeanor that is not an offense described in article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or a violation of K.S.A. 21-5507, and amendments thereto, the juvenile has no prior adjudications, and the offer is made pursuant to the guidelines developed pursuant to this section. Participation in an immediate intervention program is not required to be offered to a juvenile who was originally charged with an offense which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony and, as a result of a plea agreement reached between the juvenile and prosecuting attorney, the charge has been amended to a misdemeanor. A juvenile who has participated in an immediate intervention program for a previous misdemeanor may, but is not required to, be offered participation in an immediate intervention program.

- (2) A juvenile may also participate in an immediate intervention program if the juvenile is referred for immediate intervention by the county or district attorney pursuant to subsection (d).
- (3) Any juvenile referred to immediate intervention by juvenile intake and assessment services shall, upon acceptance, work together with court services, community corrections, juvenile intake and assessment services or any other entity designated as a part of the written agreement in subsection (a) to develop an immediate intervention plan. Such plan may be supervised or unsupervised by any of the aforementioned entities. The county or district attorneys office shall not be required to supervise juveniles participating in an immediate intervention program.
- (4) The immediate intervention plan shall last no longer than six months from the date of referral, unless the plan requires the juvenile to complete an evidence-based mental health or substance abuse program that extends beyond the six-month period. In such case, the plan may be extended up to two additional months.
- (5) If the juvenile satisfactorily complies with the immediate intervention plan, such juvenile shall be discharged and the charges dismissed at the end of the time period specified in paragraph (4).
- (6) If the juvenile fails to satisfactorily comply with the immediate intervention plan, the case shall be referred to a multidisciplinary team for review. The multidisciplinary team created pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2393, and amendments thereto, shall review the immediate intervention plan within seven days and may revise and extend such plan or terminate the case as successful. Such plan may be extended for no more than four

additional months.

(7) If the juvenile fails to satisfactorily comply with the revised plan developed pursuant to paragraph (6), the intake and assessment worker, court services officer or community corrections officer overseeing the immediate intervention shall refer the case to the county or district attorney for consideration.

(c) The parent of a juvenile may be required to be a part of the immediate intervention program.

(d) For all juveniles that have fewer than two prior adjudications, the county or district attorney shall review the case upon receipt of a complaint to determine if the case should be referred for immediate intervention or whether alternative means of adjudication should be designated pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2389, and amendments thereto. The county or district attorney shall consider any recommendation of a juvenile intake and assessment worker, court services officer or community corrections officer.

(e) "Summons" means a written order issued by an intake and assessment worker or a law enforcement officer directing that a juvenile appear before a designated court at a stated time and place to answer a pending charge.

(f) A juvenile who is eligible for an immediate intervention shall not be denied participation in such a program or terminated unsuccessfully due to an inability to pay fees or other associated costs. Fees assessed from such a program shall be retained by the program and shall not be used for any purpose, except development and operation of the program.

(g) If a juvenile substantially complies with an immediate intervention program, charges in such juvenile's case shall not be filed.

(h) The policies and guidelines developed pursuant to subsection (a) shall adhere to standards and procedures for immediate intervention developed by the department of corrections pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2395, and amendments thereto, and be based on best practices.

(i) Nothing in this section shall require a juvenile to participate in an immediate intervention program when the county or district attorney has declined to continue with prosecution of an alleged offense.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 169, § 46; L. 2012, ch. 150, § 45; L. 2016, ch. 46, § 39; L. 2017, ch. 90, § 5; July 1.