

38-2315. Expense of care and custody of juvenile. (a) *How paid.* (1) If a juvenile, subject to this code, is not eligible for assistance under K.S.A. 39-709, and amendments thereto, expenses for the care and custody of the juvenile shall be paid out of the general fund of the county in which the proceedings are initiated. Upon entry of a written order transferring venue pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2305, and amendments thereto, expenses shall be paid by the receiving county. For the purpose of this section, a juvenile who is a nonresident of the state of Kansas or whose residence is unknown shall have residence in the county where the proceedings are initiated.

(2) When the custody of a juvenile is awarded to the commissioner, the expenses for the care and custody of the juvenile from the date of custody forward shall not be paid out of the county general fund, except as provided in subsection (d) or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2373, and amendments thereto. In no event shall the payment authorized by this subsection exceed the state approved rate.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that any person shall be relieved of the legal responsibility to support a juvenile.

(b) *Reimbursement to county general fund.* (1) When expenses for the care and custody of a juvenile subject to this code have been paid out of the county general fund of any county in this state, the court may assess the expenses to the person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile and shall inform the person assessed the expenses of such person's right to a hearing. If a hearing is requested, it shall be granted and the court shall fix a time and place for hearing on the question of requiring payment or reimbursement of all or part of the expenses by a person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile.

(2) After notice to the person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile, the court, if requested, may hear and dispose of the matter and may enter an order relating to payment of expenses for care and custody of the juvenile. If the person willfully fails or refuses to pay the sum, the person may be adjudged in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

(3) Any county which makes payment to maintain, care for or support a juvenile subject to this code, may bring a separate action against a person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support such juvenile for the reimbursement of expenses paid out of the county general fund for the care and custody of the juvenile.

(c) *Reimbursement to the commissioner.* When expenses for the care and custody of a juvenile subject to this code have been paid by the commissioner, the commissioner may recover the expenses as provided by law from any person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile. The commissioner shall have the power to compromise and settle any claim due or any amount claimed to be due to the commissioner from any person who by law is liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile. The commissioner may contract with a state agency, contract with an individual or hire personnel to collect the reimbursements required under this subsection.

(d) *Interlocal agreements.* When a county has made an interlocal agreement to maintain, care for or support alleged juvenile offenders or juvenile offenders who are residents of another county and such other county is a party to the interlocal agreement with the county which performs the actual maintenance, care and support of the alleged juvenile offender or juvenile offender, such county of residence may pay from its county general fund to the other county whatever amount is agreed upon in the interlocal agreement irrespective of any amount paid or to be paid by the juvenile justice authority. The juvenile justice authority shall not diminish the amount it would otherwise reimburse any such county for maintaining, caring for and supporting any such juvenile because of any payment under such an interlocal agreement.

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