

2021 Kansas Statutes

- 22-3303. Commitment of incompetent defendant; limitation; civil commitment proceedings; regained competency; credit for time committed; victim notification.** (1) A defendant who is charged with a crime and is found to be incompetent to stand trial shall be committed for evaluation and treatment to any appropriate state, county, private institution or facility. At the time of such commitment the institution of commitment shall notify the county or district attorney of the county in which the criminal proceedings are pending for the purpose of providing victim notification. Any such commitment shall be for a period not to exceed 90 days. Within 90 days after the defendant's commitment to such institution, the chief medical officer of such institution shall certify to the court whether the defendant has a substantial probability of attaining competency to stand trial in the foreseeable future. If such probability does exist, the court shall order the defendant to remain in an appropriate state, county, private institution or facility until the defendant attains competency to stand trial or for a period of six months from the date of the original commitment, whichever occurs first. If such probability does not exist, the court shall order the secretary for aging and disability services to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. When a defendant is charged with any off-grid felony, any nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony, or a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-5604(b) or 21-5812(b), and amendments thereto, and commitment proceedings have commenced, for such proceeding, "mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment" means a mentally ill person, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(e), and amendments thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self and others, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(f)(3), and amendments thereto. The other provisions of K.S.A. 59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.
- (2) If a defendant who was found to have had a substantial probability of attaining competency to stand trial, as provided in subsection (1), has not attained competency to stand trial within six months from the date of the original commitment, the court shall order the secretary for aging and disability services to commence involuntary commitment proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. When a defendant is charged with any off-grid felony, any nondrug severity level 1 through 3 felony, or a violation of K.S.A. 21-3504, 21-3511, 21-3518, 21-3603 or 21-3719, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5505(b), 21-5506(b), 21-5508(b), 21-5604(b) or 21-5812(b), and amendments thereto, and commitment proceedings have commenced, for such proceeding, "mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment" means a mentally ill person, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(e), and amendments thereto, who is likely to cause harm to self and others, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946(f)(3), and amendments thereto. The other provisions of K.S.A. 59-2946(f), and amendments thereto, shall not apply.
- (3) When reasonable grounds exist to believe that a defendant who has been adjudged incompetent to stand trial is competent, the court in which the criminal case is pending shall conduct a hearing in accordance with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto, to determine the person's present mental condition. Such court shall give reasonable notice of such hearings to the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and the defendant's attorney of record, if any. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification. If the court, following such hearing, finds the defendant to be competent, the proceedings pending against the defendant shall be resumed.
- (4) A defendant committed to a public institution under the provisions of this section who

is thereafter sentenced for the crime charged at the time of commitment may be credited with all or any part of the time during which the defendant was committed and confined in such public institution.

History: L. 1970, ch. 129, § 22-3303; L. 1977, ch. 121, § 2; L. 1992, ch. 309, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 208, § 8; L. 2010, ch. 61, § 2; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 126; L. 2014, ch. 5, § 1; L. 2018, ch. 81, § 2; July 1.