

SENATE BILL No. 442

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning court services officers; relating to persons found not
2 guilty by reason of mental disease or defect; prohibiting supervision by
3 court services officers; amending K.S.A. 22-3428 and repealing the
4 existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 22-3428 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-
8 3428. (a) (1) When a defendant is acquitted and the jury answers in the
9 affirmative to the special question asked pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3221, and
10 amendments thereto, the defendant shall be committed to the state security
11 hospital or an appropriate secure facility for safekeeping and treatment and
12 the prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification. A finding of not
13 guilty and the jury answering in the affirmative to the special question
14 asked pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3221, and amendments thereto, shall be prima
15 facie evidence that the acquitted defendant is presently likely to cause
16 harm to self or others.

17 (2) Within 90 days of the defendant's admission, the chief medical
18 officer of the state security hospital or licensed psychologist at the
19 appropriate secure facility shall send to the court a written evaluation
20 report. Upon receipt of the report, the court shall set a hearing to determine
21 whether or not the defendant is currently a mentally ill person. The hearing
22 shall be held within 30 days after the receipt by the court of the chief
23 medical officer's report unless the court finds that exceptional
24 circumstances warrant delay of the hearing.

25 (3) The court shall give notice of the hearing to the chief medical
26 officer of the state security hospital or licensed psychologist at the
27 appropriate secure facility, the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and the
28 defendant's attorney. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim
29 notification. The court shall inform the defendant that such defendant is
30 entitled to counsel and that counsel will be appointed to represent the
31 defendant if the defendant is not financially able to employ an attorney as
32 provided in K.S.A. 22-4503 et seq., and amendments thereto. The
33 defendant shall remain at the state security hospital pending the hearing.

34 (4) At the hearing, the defendant shall have the right to present
35 evidence and cross-examine witnesses. At the conclusion of the hearing, if
36 the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is not

1 currently a mentally ill person, the court shall dismiss the criminal
2 proceeding and discharge the defendant, otherwise the court may commit
3 the defendant to the state security hospital or an appropriate secure facility
4 for treatment or may place the defendant on conditional release pursuant to
5 subsection (d). The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification
6 regarding the outcome of the hearing.

7 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c):

8 (1) Whenever it appears to the chief medical officer of the state
9 security hospital or a licensed psychologist at the appropriate secure
10 facility that a person committed under subsection (a)(4) is not likely to
11 cause harm to other persons in a less restrictive hospital environment, the
12 officer may transfer the person to any state hospital, subject to the
13 provisions of subsection (c). At any time subsequent thereto during which
14 such person is still committed to a state hospital, if the chief medical
15 officer of that hospital or the licensed psychologist at the appropriate
16 secure facility finds that the person may be likely to cause harm or has
17 caused harm, to others, such officer may transfer the person back to the
18 state security hospital.

19 (2) Any person committed under subsection (a)(4) may be granted
20 conditional release or discharge as an involuntary patient.

21 (c) Before transfer of a person from the state security hospital or
22 appropriate secure facility pursuant to subsection (b)(1) or conditional
23 release or discharge of a person pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the chief
24 medical officer of the state security hospital or the state hospital where the
25 patient is under commitment or the licensed psychologist at the
26 appropriate secure facility shall give notice to the district court of the
27 county from which the person was committed that transfer of the patient is
28 proposed or that the patient is ready for proposed conditional release or
29 discharge. Such notice shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
30 Identification of the patient; (2) the course of treatment; (3) a current
31 assessment of the defendant's mental illness; (4) recommendations for
32 future treatment, if any; and (5) recommendations regarding conditional
33 release or discharge, if any. Upon receiving notice, the district court shall
34 order that a hearing be held on the proposed transfer, conditional release or
35 discharge. The court shall give notice of the hearing to the appropriate
36 secure facility, state hospital or state security hospital where the patient is
37 under commitment, to the prosecuting attorney of the county from which
38 the person was originally ordered committed. The prosecuting attorney
39 shall provide victim notification regarding the hearing. The court shall
40 order the involuntary patient to undergo a mental evaluation by a person
41 designated by the court. A copy of all orders of the court shall be sent to
42 the involuntary patient and the patient's attorney. The report of the court
43 ordered mental evaluation shall be given to the prosecuting attorney, the

1 involuntary patient and the patient's attorney at least seven days prior to
2 the hearing. The hearing shall be held within 30 days after the receipt by
3 the court of the chief medical officer's notice unless the court finds that
4 exceptional circumstances warrant delay of the hearing. The involuntary
5 patient shall remain in the appropriate secure facility, state hospital or state
6 security hospital where the patient is under commitment until the hearing
7 on the proposed transfer, conditional release or discharge is to be held. At
8 the hearing, the court shall receive all relevant evidence, including the
9 written findings and recommendations of the chief medical officer of the
10 state security hospital or the state hospital or the licensed psychologist of
11 the appropriate secure facility where the patient is under commitment, and
12 shall determine whether the patient shall be transferred to a less restrictive
13 hospital environment or whether the patient shall be conditionally released
14 or discharged. The patient shall have the right to present evidence at such
15 hearing and to cross-examine any witnesses called by the prosecuting
16 attorney. At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court finds by clear and
17 convincing evidence that the patient will not be likely to cause harm to self
18 or others if transferred to a less restrictive hospital environment, the court
19 shall order the patient transferred. If the court finds by clear and
20 convincing evidence that the patient is not currently a mentally ill person,
21 the court shall order the patient discharged or conditionally released;
22 otherwise, the court shall order the patient to remain in the state security
23 hospital or state hospital where the patient is under commitment. If the
24 court orders the conditional release of the patient in accordance with
25 subsection (d), the court may order as an additional condition to the release
26 that the patient continue to take prescribed medication and report as
27 directed to a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery to determine
28 whether or not the patient is taking the medication or that the patient
29 continue to receive periodic psychiatric or psychological treatment. The
30 prosecuting attorney shall notify any victims of the outcome of the
31 hearing.

32 (d) In order to ensure the safety and welfare of a patient who is to be
33 conditionally released and the citizenry of the state, the court may allow
34 the patient to remain in custody at a facility under the supervision of the
35 secretary for aging and disability services or the head of the appropriate
36 secure facility for a period of time not to exceed 45 days in order to permit
37 sufficient time for the secretary to prepare recommendations to the court
38 for a suitable reentry program for the patient and allow adequate time for
39 the prosecuting attorney to provide victim notification. The reentry
40 program shall be specifically designed to facilitate the return of the patient
41 to the community as a functioning, self-supporting citizen, and may
42 include appropriate supportive provisions for assistance in establishing
43 residency, securing gainful employment, undergoing needed vocational

1 rehabilitation, receiving marital and family counseling, and such other
2 outpatient services that appear beneficial. If a patient who is to be
3 conditionally released will be residing in a county other than the county
4 where the district court that ordered the conditional release is located, the
5 court shall transfer venue of the case to the district court of the other
6 county and send a copy of all of the court's records of the proceedings to
7 the other court. In all cases of conditional release the court shall:

8 (1) Order that the patient be placed under the temporary supervision
9 of district court probation and parole services, community treatment
10 facility or any appropriate private agency, *except that the patient shall not*
11 *be placed under the supervision of a court services officer;* and

12 (2) require as a condition precedent to the release that the patient
13 agree in writing to waive extradition in the event a warrant is issued
14 pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3428b, and amendments thereto.

15 (e) At any time during the conditional release period, a conditionally
16 released patient, through the patient's attorney, or the prosecuting attorney
17 of the county where the district court having venue is located may file a
18 motion for modification of the conditions of release, and the court shall
19 hold an evidentiary hearing on the motion within 14 days of its filing. The
20 court shall give notice of the time for the hearing to the patient and the
21 prosecuting attorney. If the court finds from the evidence at the hearing
22 that the conditional provisions of release should be modified or vacated, it
23 shall so order. If at any time during the transitional period the designated
24 medical officer or supervisory personnel or the treatment facility informs
25 the court that the patient is not satisfactorily complying with the provisions
26 of the conditional release, the court, after a hearing for which notice has
27 been given to the prosecuting attorney and the patient, may make orders:

28 (1) For additional conditions of release designed to effect the ends of the
29 reentry program; (2) requiring the prosecuting attorney to file a petition to
30 determine whether the patient is a mentally ill person as provided in
31 K.S.A. 59-2957, and amendments thereto; or (3) requiring that the patient
32 be committed to the appropriate secure facility, state security hospital or
33 any state hospital. In cases where a petition is ordered to be filed, the court
34 shall proceed to hear and determine the petition pursuant to the care and
35 treatment act for mentally ill persons and that act shall apply to all
36 subsequent proceedings. If a patient is committed to any state hospital
37 pursuant to this act the prosecuting attorney shall provide victim
38 notification. The costs of all proceedings, the mental evaluation and the
39 reentry program authorized by this section shall be paid by the county
40 from which the person was committed.

41 (f) In any case in which the defense that the defendant lacked the
42 required mental state pursuant to K.S.A. 21-5209, and amendments
43 thereto, is relied on, the court shall instruct the jury on the substance of

1 this section.

2 (g) As used in this section and K.S.A. 22-3428a, and amendments
3 thereto:

4 (1) "Likely to cause harm to self or others" means that the person is
5 likely, in the reasonably foreseeable future, to cause substantial physical
6 injury or physical abuse to self or others or substantial damage to another's
7 property, or evidenced by behavior causing, attempting or threatening such
8 injury, abuse or neglect.

9 (2) "Mentally ill person" means any person who:

10 (A) Is suffering from a severe mental disorder to the extent that such
11 person is in need of treatment; and

12 (B) is likely to cause harm to self or others.

13 (3) "Treatment facility" means any mental health center or clinic,
14 psychiatric unit of a medical care facility, psychologist, physician or other
15 institution or individual authorized or licensed by law to provide either
16 inpatient or outpatient treatment to any patient.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 22-3428 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.