

2023 Kansas Statutes

38-2326. Same; establishment and maintenance. (a) In order to properly advise the three branches of government on the operation of the juvenile justice system, there is hereby established within and as a part of the central repository, a juvenile offender information system. The system shall serve as a repository of juvenile offender information which is collected by juvenile justice agencies and reported to the system.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, every juvenile justice agency shall report juvenile offender information, whether collected manually or by means of an automated system, to the central repository, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section. A juvenile justice agency shall report to the central repository those reportable events involving a violation of a county resolution or city ordinance only when required by rules and regulations adopted by the director.

(c) Reporting methods may include:

(1) Submission of juvenile offender information by a juvenile justice agency directly to the central repository;

(2) if the information can readily be collected and reported through the court system, submission to the central repository by the office of judicial administrator; or

(3) if the information can readily be collected and reported through juvenile justice agencies that are part of a geographically based information system, submission to the central repository by the agencies.

(d) The director may determine, by rules and regulations, the statutorily required reportable events to be reported by each juvenile justice agency, in order to avoid duplication in reporting.

(e) Juvenile offender information maintained in the juvenile offender information system is confidential and shall not be disseminated or publicly disclosed in a manner which enables identification of any individual who is a subject of the information, except that the information shall be open to inspection by law enforcement agencies of this state, by the Kansas department for children and families if related to an individual in the secretary's custody or control, by the juvenile justice authority if related to an individual in the commissioner's custody or control, by the department of corrections if related to an individual in the custody and control of the secretary of corrections, by educational institutions to the extent necessary to provide the safest possible environment for pupils and employees, by any educator to the extent necessary for the protection of the educator and pupils, by the officers of any public institution to which the individual is committed, by county and district attorneys, by attorneys for the parties to a proceeding under this code, by an intake and assessment worker or upon order of a judge of the district court or an appellate court. Such information shall reflect the offense level and whether such offense is a person or nonperson offense.

(f) Any journal entry of a trial of adjudication shall state the number of the statute under which the juvenile is adjudicated to be a juvenile offender and specify whether each offense, if done by an adult, would constitute a felony or misdemeanor, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5102, and amendments thereto.

(g) Any law enforcement agency that willfully fails to make any report required by this section shall be liable to the state for the payment of a civil penalty, recoverable in an action brought by the attorney general, in an amount not exceeding \$500 for each report not made. Any civil penalty recovered under this subsection shall be paid into the state general fund.

(h) The director shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement, administer and enforce the provisions of this section.

(i) The director shall develop incentives to encourage the timely entry of juvenile offender information into the central repository.

History: L. 2006, ch. 169, § 26; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 164; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 70; July 1.