

SENATE BILL No. 281

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking and related crimes; relating to
2 protection orders; protection from stalking, sexual assault or human
3 trafficking act; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924, 60-31a01, 60-
4 31a02, 60-31a03, 60-31a04, 60-31a05, 60-31a06, 60-31a07, 60-31a08
5 and 60-31a09 and repealing the existing sections.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 21-5924. (a) Violation of a protective order is knowingly
10 violating:

11 (1) A protection from abuse order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-3105,
12 60-3106 or 60-3107, and amendments thereto;

13 (2) a protective order issued by a court or tribunal of any state or
14 Indian tribe that is consistent with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 2265, and
15 amendments thereto;

16 (3) a restraining order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 23-2707,
17 38-2243, 38-2244 or 38-2255, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 60-
18 1607, prior to its transfer;

19 (4) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of pretrial
20 release, diversion, probation, suspended sentence, postrelease supervision
21 or at any other time during the criminal case that orders the person to
22 refrain from having any direct or indirect contact with another person;

23 (5) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of release
24 after conviction or as a condition of a supersedeas bond pending
25 disposition of an appeal, that orders the person to refrain from having any
26 direct or indirect contact with another person; or

27 (6) a protection from stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking*
28 order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-31a05 or 60-31a06, and amendments
29 thereto.

30 (b) (1) Violation of a protective order is a class A person
31 misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (b)(2).

32 (2) Violation of an extended protective order as described in K.S.A.
33 60-3107(e)(2), and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 60-31a06(d), and
34 amendments thereto, is a severity level 6, person felony.

35 (c) No protective order, as set forth in this section, shall be construed
36 to prohibit an attorney, or any person acting on such attorney's behalf, who

1 is representing the defendant in any civil or criminal proceeding, from
2 contacting the protected party for a legitimate purpose within the scope of
3 the civil or criminal proceeding. The attorney, or person acting on such
4 attorney's behalf, shall be identified in any such contact.

5 (d) As used in this section, "order" includes any order issued by a
6 municipal or district court.

7 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a01 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 60-31a01. (a) K.S.A. 60-31a01 through 60-31a09, and
9 amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the protection
10 from stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act.

11 (b) This act shall be liberally construed to protect victims of stalking
12 ~~and~~, sexual assault *and human trafficking* and to facilitate access to
13 judicial protection for *victims of* stalking ~~and~~, sexual assault ~~victims and~~
14 *human trafficking*, whether represented by counsel or ~~proceedings~~
15 *proceeding* pro se.

16 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a02 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows: 60-31a02. As used in the protection from stalking ~~or~~, sexual
18 assault *or human trafficking* act:

19 (a) "*Human trafficking*" means any act that would constitute human
20 trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 2017
21 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or commercial sexual
22 exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-6422, and
23 amendments thereto, or an act that, if committed by an adult, would
24 constitute selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-
25 6419, and amendments thereto.

26 (b) "*Human trafficking victim*" means a person who has been
27 subjected to an act that would constitute human trafficking or aggravated
28 human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 21-5426, and amendments thereto,
29 or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 21-
30 6422, and amendments thereto, or has committed an act that, if committed
31 by an adult, would constitute selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A.
32 21-6419, and amendments thereto.

33 (c) "Sexual assault" means:

34 (1) A nonconsensual sexual act; or

35 (2) an attempted sexual act against another by force, threat of force,
36 duress or when the person is incapable of giving consent.

37 ~~(b)~~ (d) "Stalking" means an intentional harassment of another person
38 that places the other person in reasonable fear for that person's safety.

39 ~~(c)~~ (1) "Harassment" means a knowing and intentional course of
40 conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys,
41 torments or terrorizes the person, and that serves no legitimate purpose.
42 "Harassment" shall include any course of conduct carried out through the
43 use of an unmanned aerial system over or near any dwelling, occupied

1 vehicle or other place where one may reasonably expect to be safe from
2 uninvited intrusion or surveillance.

3 ~~(1)~~ (2) "Course of conduct" means conduct consisting of two or more
4 separate acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity
5 of purpose which would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial
6 emotional distress. Constitutionally protected activity is not included
7 within the meaning of "course of conduct."

8 (e) "Unmanned aerial system" means a powered, aerial vehicle that:

9 (1) Does not carry a human operator;

10 (2) uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

11 (3) may fly autonomously or be piloted remotely;

12 (4) may be expendable or recoverable; and

13 (5) may carry a lethal or nonlethal payload.

14 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a03 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 60-31a03. The district courts shall have jurisdiction over all
16 proceedings under the protection from stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human*
17 *trafficking* act.

18 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a04 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows: 60-31a04. (a) A person may seek relief under the protection from
20 stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act by filing a verified
21 petition with any district judge or clerk of the court. A verified petition
22 must allege facts sufficient to show the following:

23 (1) The name of the stalking ~~or~~ *victim*, sexual assault victim *or*
24 *human trafficking victim*;

25 (2) the name of the defendant;

26 (3) the dates on which the alleged stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or*
27 *human trafficking* behavior occurred; and

28 (4) the acts committed by the defendant that are alleged to constitute
29 stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking*.

30 (b) A parent *of* or an adult residing with a minor child may seek relief
31 under the protection from stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking*
32 act on behalf of the minor child by filing a verified petition with the
33 district judge or with the clerk of the court in the county where the stalking
34 ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* occurred.

35 (c) *The following persons may seek relief for a minor child who is*
36 *alleged to be a human trafficking victim under the protection from*
37 *stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking act on behalf of the minor*
38 *child by filing a verified petition with any district judge or with the clerk of*
39 *the court alleging acts committed by an individual that are alleged to*
40 *constitute human trafficking: (1) A parent of the minor child; (2) an adult*
41 *residing with the minor child; (3) a county or district attorney; or (4) the*
42 *attorney general.*

43 (d) The clerk of the court shall supply the forms for the petition and

1 orders, which shall be prescribed by the judicial council.

2 ~~(d)~~ (e) Service of process served under this section shall be by
3 personal service. No docket fee shall be required for proceedings under the
4 protection from stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act.

5 ~~(e)~~ (f) The victim's address and telephone number shall not be
6 disclosed to the defendant or to the public, but only to authorized court or
7 law enforcement personnel and to the commission on judicial performance
8 in the discharge of the commission's duties pursuant to article 32 of
9 chapter 20 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

10 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a05 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 60-31a05. (a) Within 21 days of the filing of a petition under the
12 protection from stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act a
13 hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of
14 stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* by a preponderance of the
15 evidence and the defendant shall have an opportunity to present evidence
16 on the defendant's behalf. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set
17 the case for hearing. At the hearing, the court shall advise the parties of the
18 right to be represented by counsel.

19 (b) Prior to the hearing on the petition and upon a finding of good
20 cause shown, the court on motion of a party may enter such temporary
21 relief orders in accordance with K.S.A. 60-31a06, and amendments
22 thereto, or any combination thereof, as it deems necessary to protect the
23 victim from being stalked, *sexually assaulted or trafficked*. Temporary
24 orders may be granted ex parte on presentation of a verified petition by the
25 victim supporting a prima facie case of stalking ~~or~~, sexual assault *or*
26 *human trafficking*.

27 (c) If a hearing under subsection (a) is continued, the court may make
28 or extend such temporary orders under subsection (b) as it deems
29 necessary.

30 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a06 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows: 60-31a06. (a) The court may issue a protection from stalking-~~or~~,
32 sexual assault *or human trafficking* order granting any one or more of the
33 following orders:

34 (1) Restraining the defendant from following, harassing, telephoning,
35 contacting or otherwise communicating with the victim. ~~Such~~ *The* order
36 shall contain a statement that, if-~~such~~ *the* order is violated-~~such~~, *the*
37 violation may constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5427,
38 and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in
39 K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

40 (2) Restraining the defendant from abusing, molesting or interfering
41 with the privacy rights of the victim. ~~Such~~ *The* order shall contain a
42 statement that, if-~~such~~ *the* order is violated, ~~such~~ *the* violation may
43 constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5427, and

1 amendments thereto, assault as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5412(a),
2 and amendments thereto, battery as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-
3 5413(a), and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as
4 defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

5 (3) Restraining the defendant from entering upon or in the victim's
6 residence or the immediate vicinity thereof. ~~Such~~ The order shall contain a
7 statement that, if ~~such~~ the order is violated, ~~such~~ the violation shall
8 constitute criminal trespass as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5808(a)(1)
9 (C), and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined
10 in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

11 (4) Restraining the defendant from committing or attempting to
12 commit a sexual assault upon the victim. ~~Such~~ The order shall contain a
13 statement that, if ~~such~~ the order is violated, ~~such~~ the violation shall
14 constitute violation of a protective order, as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp.
15 21-5924, and amendments thereto. ~~Such~~ The order shall also contain a
16 statement that, if ~~such~~ the order is violated, ~~such~~ the violation may
17 constitute a sex offense under article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas
18 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and the accused may be
19 prosecuted, convicted of and punished for such sex offense.

20 (5) *Restraining the defendant from following, harassing, telephoning,*
21 *contacting, recruiting, harboring, transporting, or committing or*
22 *attempting to commit human trafficking upon the human trafficking victim,*
23 *or otherwise communicating with the human trafficking victim. The order*
24 *shall contain a statement that, if the order is violated, the violation shall*
25 *constitute violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp.*
26 *21-5924, and amendments thereto. The order shall also contain a*
27 *statement that, if the order is violated, the violation may constitute an*
28 *offense under chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and*
29 *amendments thereto, and the accused may be prosecuted, convicted of and*
30 *punished for such offense.*

31 (6) Any other order deemed necessary by the court to carry out the
32 provisions of this act.

33 (b) A protection from stalking ~~or~~, sexual abuse *or human trafficking*
34 order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and
35 shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year except as
36 provided in subsections (c) and (d).

37 (c) Upon motion of the plaintiff the court may extend the order for an
38 additional year.

39 (d) Upon verified motion of the plaintiff and after the defendant has
40 been personally served with a copy of the motion and has had an
41 opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at a hearing
42 on the motion, the court shall extend a protective order for not less than
43 two additional years and up to a period of time not to exceed the lifetime

1 of the defendant, if the court determines by a preponderance of the
2 evidence that the defendant has:

- 3 (1) Violated a valid protection order;
- 4 (2) previously violated a valid protection order; or
- 5 (3) been convicted of a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal
6 solicitation or attempt thereof, under the laws of Kansas or the laws of any
7 other jurisdiction which are substantially similar to such person felony,
8 committed against the plaintiff or any member of the plaintiff's household.

9 No service fee shall be required for a motion filed pursuant to this
10 subsection.

11 (e) The court may amend its order at any time upon motion filed by
12 either party.

13 (f) The court shall assess costs against the defendant and may award
14 attorney fees to the victim in any case in which the court issues a
15 protection from stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* order
16 pursuant to this act. The court may award attorney fees to the defendant in
17 any case where the court finds that the petition to seek relief pursuant to
18 this act is without merit.

19 (g) A no contact or restraining provision in a protective order issued
20 pursuant to this section shall not be construed to prevent:

- 21 (1) Contact between the attorneys representing the parties;
- 22 (2) a party from appearing at a scheduled court or administrative
23 hearing; or
- 24 (3) a defendant or defendant's attorney from sending the plaintiff
25 copies of any legal pleadings filed in court relating to civil or criminal
26 matters presently relevant to the plaintiff.

27 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a07 is hereby amended to read as
28 follows: 60-31a07. A copy of any order under the protection from stalking
29 ~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act shall be issued to the victim, the
30 defendant and the police department of the city where the victim resides. If
31 the victim does not reside in a city or resides in a city with no police
32 department, a copy of the order shall be issued to the sheriff of the county
33 where the order is issued.

34 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a08 is hereby amended to read as
35 follows: 60-31a08. Except as otherwise provided in the protection from
36 stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human trafficking* act, any proceedings under
37 this act shall be in accordance with chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes
38 Annotated, and amendments thereto, and shall be in addition to any other
39 available civil or criminal remedies.

40 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 60-31a09 is hereby amended to read as
41 follows: 60-31a09. If, upon hearing, the court finds a violation of any
42 order under the protection from stalking-~~or~~, sexual assault *or human*
43 *trafficking* act, the court may find the defendant in contempt pursuant to

1 K.S.A. 20-1204a, and amendments thereto.

2 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5924, 60-31a01, 60-31a02, 60-31a03,
3 60-31a04, 60-31a05, 60-31a06, 60-31a07, 60-31a08 and 60-31a09 are
4 hereby repealed.

5 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.