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HOUSE BILL No. 2128

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to certified drug abuse treatment programs; supervision and jurisdiction; allowing certain nondrug offenders to participate in the certified drug abuse treatment program; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6610 and 21-6824 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6610. (a) When a defendant is placed on parole by the district court, on probation, assigned to a community correctional services program by a district court or under suspended sentence and such defendant is permitted to go from the judicial district of that court, supervision over the defendant may be transferred from that judicial district to another with the concurrence of the receiving chief court services officer, or if in a community corrections services program, by the concurrence of the director of the receiving program.

- (b) The district court from which the defendant is on parole, probation, community correctional services program or suspended sentence may retain jurisdiction of the defendant.
- (c) When a defendant described in subsection (a) is sentenced pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6824, and amendments thereto, the district court from which the defendant is on parole, on probation, assigned to a community correctional services program or under suspended sentence may transfer jurisdiction of the defendant with the concurrence of the receiving district court and all parties.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6824 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-6824. (a) There is hereby established a nonprison sanction of certified drug abuse treatment programs for certain offenders who are sentenced on or after November 1, 2003. Placement of offenders in certified drug abuse treatment programs by the court shall be limited to placement of adult offenders, convicted of a felony violation of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5705 or 21-5706, and amendments thereto, whose offense is classified in grid blocks:
 - (1) (A) Whose offense is classified in grid blocks:
- (i) 5-C, 5-D, 5-E, 5-F, 5-G, 5-H or 5-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes; or

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(ii) 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 9-C, 9-D, 9-E, 9-F, 9-G, 9-H, 9-I, 8-C, 8-D, 8-E, 8-F, 8-G, 8-H, 8-I, 7-C, 7-D, 7-E, 7-F, 7-G, 7-H or 7-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes and classified as a nonperson offense; and

such offender

(B) such offender who has no felony conviction of K.S.A. 65-4142, 65-4159, 65-4161, 65-4163 or 65-4164, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, 21-36a05 or 21-36a16, prior to their transfer, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5716, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction; or

(2) (A) Whose offense is classified in grid block:

(i) 5-A, 5-B, 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H or 4-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes, such offender; or

(ii) 10-A, 10-B, 9-A, 9-B, 8-A, 8-B, 7-A or 7-B of the sentencing guidelines for nondrug extimes and classified as a nonperson offense; and

(B) who has no felony conviction of K.S.A. 65-4142, 65-4159, 65-4161, 65-4163 or 65-4164, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, 21-36a05 or 21-36a16, prior to their transfer, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5716, and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, if the person felonies in the offender's criminal history were severity level 8, 9 or 10 or nongrid offenses of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes; and

(C) the court finds and sets forth with particularity the reasons for finding that the safety of the members of the public will not be jeopardized by such placement in a drug abuse treatment program.

- (b) As a part of the presentence investigation pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6813, and amendments thereto, offenders who meet the requirements of subsection (a), unless otherwise specifically ordered by the court, shall be subject to:
- (1) A drug abuse assessment which shall include a clinical interview with a mental health professional and a recommendation concerning drug abuse treatment for the offender; and
- (2) a criminal risk-need assessment. The criminal risk-need assessment shall assign a high or low risk status to the offender.
- (c) If the offender is assigned a high risk status as determined by the drug abuse assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and a moderate or high risk status as determined by the criminal risk-need assessment performed pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the sentencing court shall commit the offender to treatment in a drug abuse treatment program until the court determines the offender is suitable for discharge by the court. The term of treatment shall not exceed 18 months. The court may extend the term of probation, pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6608(c) (3), and amendments thereto. The term of treatment may not exceed the

such offender