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SENATE BILL No. 230

By Senator Haley

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AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and penalties; relating to sentencing; hate crimes; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4716 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. If the trier of fact in a trial in which the defendant is charged with a felony finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant intentionally selected the person against whom the felony is committed or selected the property that is damaged or otherwise affected by such felony committed by the defendant in whole or in part because of the defendant's belief or perception regarding the race, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of that property, whether or not the defendant's belief or perception was correct, the defendant's sentence shall be presumed imprisonment and such sentence shall be up to double the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term for the underlying felony.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4716 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4716. (a) The sentencing judge shall impose the presumptive sentence provided by the sentencing guidelines for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, unless the judge finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a departure. If the sentencing judge departs from the presumptive sentence, the judge shall state on the record at the time of sentencing the substantial and compelling reasons for the departure.
- (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)(3), the following nonexclusive list of mitigating factors may be considered in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for a departure exist:
- (A) The victim was an aggressor or participant in the criminal conduct associated with the crime of conviction.
- (B) The offender played a minor or passive role in the crime or participated under circumstances of duress or compulsion. This factor is not sufficient as a complete defense.
- (C) The offender, because of physical or mental impairment, lacked substantial capacity for judgment when the offense was committed. The voluntary use of intoxicants, drugs or alcohol does not fall within the

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purview of this factor.

- (D) The defendant, or the defendant's children, suffered a continuing pattern of physical or sexual abuse by the victim of the offense and the offense is a response to that abuse.
- (E) The degree of harm or loss attributed to the current crime of conviction was significantly less than typical for such an offense.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)(3), the following nonexclusive list of aggravating factors may be considered in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for departure exist:
- (A) The victim was particularly vulnerable due to age, infirmity, or reduced physical or mental capacity which was known or should have been known to the offender.
- (B) The defendant's conduct during the commission of the current offense manifested excessive brutality to the victim in a manner not normally present in that offense.
- (C) The offense was motivated entirely or in part by the race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation of the victim.
- —(D) The offense involved a fiduciary relationship which existed between the defendant and the victim.
- (E) (D) The defendant, 18 or more years of age, employed, hired, used, persuaded, induced, enticed or coerced any individual under 16 years of age to commit or assist in avoiding detection or apprehension for commission of any person felony or any attempt, conspiracy or solicitation as defined in K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 or 21-3303 and amendments thereto to commit any person felony regardless of whether the defendant knew the age of the individual under 16 years of age.
- (F) (E) The defendant's current crime of conviction is a crime of extreme sexual violence and the defendant is a predatory sex offender. As used in this subsection:
- (i) "Crime of extreme sexual violence" is a felony limited to the following:
- (a) A crime involving a nonconsensual act of sexual intercourse or sodomy with any person;
- (b) a crime involving an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy or lewd fondling and touching with any child who is 14 or more years of age but less than 16 years of age and with whom a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of victimization; or
- (c) a crime involving an act of sexual intercourse, sodomy or lewd fondling and touching with any child who is less than 14 years of age.
- (ii) "Predatory sex offender" is an offender who has been convicted of a crime of extreme sexual violence as the current crime of conviction and who:
 - (a) Has one or more prior convictions of any crimes of extreme sexual

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violence. Any prior conviction used to establish the defendant as a predatory sex offender pursuant to this subsection shall also be counted in determining the criminal history category; or

- (b) suffers from a mental condition or personality disorder which makes the offender likely to engage in additional acts constituting crimes of extreme sexual violence.
- (iii) "Mental condition or personality disorder" means an emotional, mental or physical illness, disease, abnormality, disorder, pathology or condition which motivates the person, affects the predisposition or desires of the person, or interferes with the capacity of the person to control impulses to commit crimes of extreme sexual violence.
- (C) (F) The defendant was incarcerated during the commission of the offense.

In determining whether aggravating factors exist as provided in this section, the court shall review the victim impact statement.

- (3) If a factual aspect of a crime is a statutory element of the crime or is used to subclassify the crime on the crime severity scale, that aspect of the current crime of conviction may be used as an aggravating or mitigating factor only if the criminal conduct constituting that aspect of the current crime of conviction is significantly different from the usual criminal conduct captured by the aspect of the crime.
- (c) In determining aggravating or mitigating circumstances, the court shall consider:
 - (1) Any evidence received during the proceeding;
 - (2) the presentence report;
- (3) written briefs and oral arguments of either the state or counsel for the defendant; and
- (4) any other evidence relevant to such aggravating or mitigating circumstances that the court finds trustworthy and reliable.
- New Sec. 3. (a) Independent of any criminal prosecution or the result thereof, any person suffering injury or damage to such person or such person's property whether it be physical, emotional or financial injury or damage as a result of felony violation as provided in section 1 and amendments thereto may bring a civil action for damages, injunction or other appropriate relief. The court may award actual damages, including damages for emotional distress or punitive damages. A judgment may include attorney fees and costs.
- (b) The attorney general shall collect and disseminate data on incidents of criminal acts that evidence prejudice based on race, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or ancestry. All law enforcement agencies shall report monthly to the attorney general concerning such offenses in such form and in such manner as prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general. Such informa-

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tion shall be compiled by the attorney general and disseminated upon request to any local law enforcement agency, municipality or state agency. Dissemination of such information shall be subject to all confidentiality requirements otherwise imposed by law. Data required pursuant to this subsection shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and shall not include any information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime. The attorney general shall publish an annual summary of the data required pursuant to this subsection. The attorney general shall provide training for all law enforcement officers in identifying, re-sponding to and reporting all offenses as provided in section 1 and amend-ments thereto. The Kansas law enforcement training commission shall develop and certify a course of such training to be made available to all enforcement officers.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4716 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.