

## HOUSE BILL No. 2030

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning the code for care of children; relating to educational programs for reporters of child abuse; amending K.S.A. 38-1521 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 38-1521 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-1521. (a) It is the policy of this state to provide for the protection of children who have been subject to physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse by encouraging the reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect, insuring the thorough and prompt investigation of these reports and providing preventive and rehabilitative services when appropriate to abused or neglected children and their families so that, if possible, the families can remain together without further threat to the children.

(b) (1) The secretary, within the limit of appropriations therefor, shall conduct a continuing publicity and educational program for local staff of the department of social and rehabilitation services, persons required to report under this code and other appropriate persons. The program shall include courses which:

(A) Encourage the reporting of cases of children suspected of having been injured as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse ~~In addition, the courses shall include an analysis of;~~

(B) *analyze* the powers and duties granted under this code;;

(C) *review* the methods of diagnosing injuries inflicted as a result of abuse;;

(D) *discuss* the procedures followed by the department of social and rehabilitation services in carrying out its duties under this code; and

(E) *review* the role of the courts in this area of the law.

(2) *The secretary shall establish and implement a procedure whereby programs are certified to meet the course requirements established in paragraph (1).*

(c) (1) *On or before July 1, 2004, persons required to report pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1522 or 38-1522b, and amendments thereto, shall attend an educational program which includes courses described in subsection (b). Such program shall be a minimum of four hours in length.*

1       (2) *Persons required to report pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1522 or 38-*  
2 *1522b, and amendments thereto, may show satisfactory proof of meeting*  
3 *the requirements of paragraph (1) by receiving written documentation*  
4 *from such person's licensing, certification or registration entity that an*  
5 *education program attended by such person meets the course require-*  
6 *ments established in subsection (b)(1).*

7       Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-1521 is hereby repealed.

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

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