HOUSE BILL No. 2863

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning children; relating to placement in a residential treatment facility.

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

Section 1. (a) If the secretary of social and rehabilitation services has placed a child in a level VI residential treatment facility and after 180 days such child is not accepted into a level V residential treatment facility, such child may continue to be placed in the level VI residential treatment facility for an additional 180 days if a new mental health screening indicates additional services remain medically necessary.

- (b) As used in this section:
- (1) "Level V residential treatment facility" means a non-secure facility, except for specialized programs for high risk, impulsive youth, that provides behavior management residential service designed to provide a therapeutic environment that will enhance the child's ability to achieve a higher level of functioning while avoiding future placement in a more highly structured psychiatric residential treatment facility on inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.
- (2) "Level VI residential treatment facility" means a non-secure facility, except for secure residential treatment facilities serving emotionally disturbed juvenile offenders, that provide psychiatric residential treatment service designed to provide a therapeutic environment to enhance a child's ability to achieve a higher level of functioning without acute inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.