## SENATE BILL No. 230

By Committee on Judiciary

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9 AN ACT concerning the code for care of children; relating to parents 10 with disabilities; amending K.S.A. 38-1501 and repealing the existing 11 section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 38-1501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-1501. K.S.A. 38-1501 through 38-1593 (a) Article 15 of chapter 38 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall be known as and may be cited as the Kansas code for care of children and shall be liberally construed, to the end that each child within its provisions shall receive the care, custody, guidance, control and discipline, preferably in the child's own home, as will best serve the child's welfare and the best interests of the state. All proceedings, orders, judgments and decrees shall be deemed to have been taken and done in the exercise of the parental power of the state. Proceedings pursuant to this code shall be civil in nature.

- (b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to allow discrimination on the basis of disability. In cases involving a parent with a disability, assessments under this article shall take into account the use of any accommodation including, but not limited to, adaptive equipment, assistive technology and support services, whether formal or informal and shall be conducted by, or with the assistance of, one or more individuals, who possess a combination of experience, training, expertise and knowledge in the use of such equipment and services.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-1501 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.