

38-2346. Immediate intervention programs. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), each county or district attorney may adopt a policy and establish guidelines for an immediate intervention program by which a juvenile may avoid prosecution. In addition to the county or district attorney adopting policies and guidelines for the immediate intervention programs, the court, the county or district attorney and the director of the intake and assessment center, pursuant to a written agreement, may develop local programs to:

- (1) Provide for the direct referral of cases by the county or district attorney or the intake and assessment worker, or both, to youth courts, restorative justice centers, hearing officers or other local programs as sanctioned by the court.
- (2) Allow intake and assessment workers to issue a summons, as defined in subsection (e) or if the county or district attorney has adopted appropriate policies and guidelines, allow law enforcement officers to issue such a summons.
- (3) Allow the intake and assessment centers to directly purchase services for the juvenile and the juvenile's family.
- (4) Allow intake and assessment workers to direct the release of a juvenile prior to a detention hearing after the completion of the intake and assessment process if the juvenile intake and assessment worker has reason to believe that if released the juvenile will appear for further proceedings and is not dangerous to self or others.

(b) An immediate intervention program shall provide that an alleged juvenile offender is ineligible for such program if the juvenile faces pending charges as a juvenile offender, for committing acts which, if committed by an adult, would constitute:

- (1) A violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, and the juvenile: (A) Has previously participated in an immediate intervention program instead of prosecution of a complaint alleging a violation of that statute or an ordinance of a city in this state which prohibits the acts prohibited by that statute; (B) has previously been adjudicated of a violation of that statute or a violation of a law of another state or of a political subdivision of this or any other state, which law prohibits the acts prohibited by that statute; or (C) during the time of the alleged violation was involved in a motor vehicle accident or collision resulting in personal injury or death; or

(2) a violation of an off-grid crime, a severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony for nondrug crimes, a drug severity level 1 or 2 felony for drug crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012, or a drug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 2012.

(c) An immediate intervention program may include a stipulation, agreed to by the juvenile, the juvenile's attorney and the attorney general or county or district attorney, of the facts upon which the charge is based and a provision that if the juvenile fails to fulfill the terms of the specific immediate intervention agreement and the immediate intervention proceedings are resumed, the proceedings, including any proceedings on appeal, shall be conducted on the record of the stipulation of facts.

(d) The county or district attorney may require the parent of a juvenile to be a part of the immediate intervention program.

(e) "Summons" means a written order issued by an intake and assessment worker or a law enforcement officer directing that a juvenile appear before a designated court at a stated time and place to answer a pending charge.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable in judicial districts that adopt district court rules pursuant to K.S.A. 20-342, and amendments thereto, for the administration of immediate intervention programs by the district court.

History: L. 2006, ch. 169, § 46; L. 2012, ch. 150, § 45; July 1.