

**38-2349. Same; commitment of incompetent.** (a) A juvenile who is found to be incompetent pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2348, and amendments thereto, shall be committed for evaluation and treatment to any appropriate public or private institution for a period not to exceed 90 days. Within 90 days of the juvenile's commitment to the institution, the chief medical officer of the institution shall certify to the court whether the juvenile has a substantial probability of attaining competency for hearing in the foreseeable future.

(b) If the chief medical officer of the institution certifies that a probability of attaining competency does exist, the court shall order the juvenile to remain in an appropriate public or private institution until the juvenile attains competency or for a period of six months from the date of the original commitment, whichever occurs first. If the juvenile does not attain competency within six months from the date of the original commitment, the court shall order the county or district attorney to commence proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. If the juvenile appears to have attained competency, the institution shall promptly notify the court in which the case is pending. Upon notice the court shall hold a hearing to determine competency pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2348, and amendments thereto.

(c) If the chief medical officer of the institution certifies that a probability of attaining competency does not exist, the court shall order the county or district attorney to commence proceedings pursuant to article 29 of chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 169, § 49; Jan. 1, 2007.