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## SENATE BILL No. 232

By Committee on Ways and Means

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 AN ACT concerning adult care homes; relating to licensure; receivership;
 financial solvency; amending K.S.A. 39-955, 39-956, 39-957 and 39-959 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-923, 39-927, 39-931, 39-931a, 39-958, 39-960, 39-961 and 39-963 and repealing the existing sections.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-923 is hereby amended to read as 8 follows: 39-923. (a) As used in this act:

9 (1) "Adult care home" means any nursing facility, nursing facility for 10 mental health, intermediate care facility for people with intellectual 11 disability, assisted living facility, residential healthcare facility, home plus, 12 boarding care home and adult day care facility; all of which are 13 classifications of adult care homes and are required to be licensed by the 14 secretary for aging and disability services.

15 (2) "Nursing facility" means any place or facility operating 24 hours a 16 day, seven days a week, caring for six or more individuals not related 17 within the third degree of relationship to the administrator or owner by 18 blood or marriage and who, due to functional impairments, need skilled 19 nursing care to compensate for activities of daily living limitations.

(3) "Nursing facility for mental health" means any place or facility operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, caring for six or more individuals not related within the third degree of relationship to the administrator or owner by blood or marriage and who, due to functional impairments, need skilled nursing care and special mental health services to compensate for activities of daily living limitations.

(4) "Intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disability" means any place or facility operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, caring for four or more individuals not related within the third degree of relationship to the administrator or owner by blood or marriage and who, due to functional impairments caused by intellectual disability or related conditions, need services to compensate for activities of daily living limitations.

(5) "Assisted living facility" means any place or facility caring for six
 or more individuals not related within the third degree of relationship to
 the administrator, operator or owner by blood or marriage and who, by
 choice or due to functional impairments, may need personal care and may

1 need supervised nursing care to compensate for activities of daily living 2 limitations and in which the place or facility includes apartments for 3 residents and provides or coordinates a range of services including 4 personal care or supervised nursing care available 24 hours a day, seven 5 days a week, for the support of resident independence. The provision of 6 skilled nursing procedures to a resident in an assisted living facility is not 7 prohibited by this act. Generally, the skilled services provided in an 8 assisted living facility shall be provided on an intermittent or limited term 9 basis, or if limited in scope, a regular basis.

(6) "Residential healthcare facility" means any place or facility, or a 10 contiguous portion of a place or facility, caring for six or more individuals 11 not related within the third degree of relationship to the administrator, 12 13 operator or owner by blood or marriage and who, by choice or due to 14 functional impairments, may need personal care and may need supervised 15 nursing care to compensate for activities of daily living limitations and in 16 which the place or facility includes individual living units and provides or 17 coordinates personal care or supervised nursing care available on a 24-18 hour, seven-days-a-week basis for the support of resident independence. 19 The provision of skilled nursing procedures to a resident in a residential 20 healthcare facility is not prohibited by this act. Generally, the skilled 21 services provided in a residential healthcare facility shall be provided on 22 an intermittent or limited term basis, or if limited in scope, a regular basis.

23 (7) "Home plus" means any residence or facility caring for not more 24 than 12 individuals not related within the third degree of relationship to the 25 operator or owner by blood or marriage unless the resident in need of care 26 is approved for placement by the secretary for children and families, and 27 who, due to functional impairment, needs personal care and may need 28 supervised nursing care to compensate for activities of daily living limitations. The level of care provided to residents shall be determined by 29 30 preparation of the staff and rules and regulations developed by the Kansas 31 department for aging and disability services. An adult care home may 32 convert a portion of one wing of the facility to a not less than five-bed and 33 not more than 12-bed home plus facility provided that the home plus 34 facility remains separate from the adult care home, and each facility must 35 remain contiguous. Any home plus that provides care for more than eight 36 individuals after the effective date of this act shall adjust staffing personnel 37 and resources as necessary to meet residents' needs in order to maintain the 38 current level of nursing care standards. Personnel of any home plus who 39 provide services for residents with dementia shall be required to take 40 annual dementia care training.

41 (8) "Boarding care home" means any place or facility operating 24
42 hours a day, seven days a week, caring for not more than 10 individuals
43 not related within the third degree of relationship to the operator or owner

by blood or marriage and who, due to functional impairment, need
 supervision of activities of daily living but who are ambulatory and
 essentially capable of managing their own care and affairs.

4 (9) "Adult day care" means any place or facility operating less than 5 24 hours a day caring for individuals not related within the third degree of 6 relationship to the operator or owner by blood or marriage and who, due to 7 functional impairment, need supervision of or assistance with activities of 8 daily living.

9 (10) "Place or facility" means a building or any one or more complete 10 floors of a building, or any one or more complete wings of a building, or 11 any one or more complete wings and one or more complete floors of a 12 building, and the term "place or facility" may include multiple buildings.

(11) "Skilled nursing care" means services performed by or under the immediate supervision of a registered professional nurse and additional licensed nursing personnel. Skilled nursing includes administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist; and other nursing functions-which that require substantial nursing judgment and skill based on the knowledge and application of scientific principles.

20 (12) "Supervised nursing care" means services provided by or under 21 the guidance of a licensed nurse with initial direction for nursing 22 procedures and periodic inspection of the actual act of accomplishing the 23 procedures; administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by 24 a licensed physician or dentist and assistance of residents with the 25 performance of activities of daily living.

26 (13) "Resident" means all individuals kept, cared for, treated, boarded
27 or otherwise accommodated in any adult care home.

(14) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,
 company, association or joint-stock association, and the legal successor
 thereof.

(15) "Operate an adult care home" means to own, lease, *sublease*,
establish, maintain, conduct the affairs of or manage an adult care home,
except that for the purposes of this definition the word "own" and the word
"lease" shall not include hospital districts, cities and counties-which *that*hold title to an adult care home purchased or constructed through the sale
of bonds.

37 (16) "Licensing agency" means the secretary for aging and disability38 services.

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(17) "Skilled nursing home" means a nursing facility.(18) "Intermediate nursing care home" means a nursing facility.

41 (19) "Apartment" means a private unit-which *that* includes, but is not
42 limited to, a toilet room with bathing facilities, a kitchen, sleeping, living
43 and storage area and a lockable door.

1 (20) "Individual living unit" means a private unit which *that* includes, 2 but is not limited to, a toilet room with bathing facilities, sleeping, living 3 and storage area and a lockable door.

4 (21) "Operator" means an individual registered pursuant to the 5 operator registration act, K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-973 et seq., and 6 amendments thereto, who may be appointed by a licensee to have the 7 authority and responsibility to oversee an assisted living facility or 8 residential healthcare facility with fewer than 61 residents, a home plus or 9 adult day care facility.

(22) "Activities of daily living" means those personal, functional
activities required by an individual for continued well-being, including,
but not limited to, eating, nutrition, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility
and toileting.

14 (23) "Personal care" means care provided by staff to assist an 15 individual with, or to perform activities of daily living.

(24) "Functional impairment" means an individual has experienced a
decline in physical, mental and psychosocial well-being and as a result, is
unable to compensate for the effects of the decline.

(25) "Kitchen" means a food preparation area that includes a sink,refrigerator and a microwave oven or stove.

(26) The term "intermediate personal care home" for purposes of
 those individuals applying for or receiving veterans' benefits means
 residential healthcare facility.

(27) "Paid nutrition assistant" means an individual who is paid to feed
residents of an adult care home, or who is used under an arrangement with
another agency or organization, who is trained by a person meeting nurse
aide instructor qualifications as prescribed by 42 C.F.R. § 483.152, 42
C.F.R. § 483.160 and 42 C.F.R. § 483.35(h), and who provides such
assistance under the supervision of a registered professional or licensed
practical nurse.

(28) "Medicaid program" means the Kansas program of medical
assistance for which federal or state moneys, or any combination thereof,
are expended, or any successor federal or state, or both, health insurance
program or waiver granted thereunder.

(29) "Licensee" means any person or persons acting jointly or
severally who are licensed by the secretary for aging and disability
services pursuant to the adult care home licensure act, K.S.A. 39-923 et
seq., and amendments thereto.

(30) "Insolvent" means that the adult care home, or any individual or
entity that operates an adult care home or appears on the adult care home
license, has liabilities that exceed the value of the adult care home's,
individual's or entity's assets, has stopped paying debts in the ordinary
course of business or is unable to pay debts as they come due.

The term "adult care home"-shall does not include institutions 1 (b)2 operated by federal or state governments, except institutions operated by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office, hospitals 3 4 or institutions for the treatment and care of psychiatric patients, child care 5 facilities, maternity centers, hotels, offices of physicians or hospices-which 6 that are certified to participate in the medicare program under 42-code of 7 federal regulations, chapter IV, C.F.R. § 418.1 et seq., and amendments 8 thereto, and which that provide services only to hospice patients, or 9 centers approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services as a 10 program for all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) under 42-code of federal regulations, chapter IV, part C.F.R. § 460 et seq., and amendments 11 thereto, which that provides services only to PACE participants. 12

(c) Nursing facilities in existence on the effective date of this act
 changing licensure categories to become residential healthcare facilities
 shall be required to provide private bathing facilities in a minimum of 20%
 of the individual living units.

(d) Facilities licensed under the adult care home licensure act on the
day immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall continue to
be licensed facilities until the annual renewal date of such license and may
renew such license in the appropriate licensure category under the adult
care home licensure act subject to the payment of fees and other conditions
and limitations of such act.

(e) Nursing facilities with less than 60 beds converting a portion of
 the facility to residential healthcare shall have the option of licensing for
 residential healthcare for less than six individuals but not less than 10% of
 the total bed count within a contiguous portion of the facility.

27 The licensing agency may by rule and regulation change the name (f) 28 of the different classes of homes when necessary to avoid confusion in 29 terminology and the agency may further amend, substitute, change and in a manner consistent with the definitions established in this section, further 30 31 define and identify the specific acts and services-which that shall fall 32 within the respective categories of facilities so long as the above categories 33 for adult care homes are used as guidelines to define and identify the 34 specific acts.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-927 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-927. (*a*) An application for a license to operate an adult care home shall be made in writing to the licensing agency upon forms provided by-*it the licensing agency* and shall be in such form and shall contain such information as the licensing agency shall require, which may include *if applicable*:

(1) A detailed projected budget for the first 12 months of operation,
prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
certified by the principal officer of the applicant, accompanied by

1 evidence of access to a sufficient amount of working capital required to

2 operate the adult care home in accordance with the budget, in the form of
3 cash on deposit, a line of credit, applicant's equity, or any combination
4 thereof;

5 (2) a list of each current or previously licensed facility in Kansas or 6 any other state, territory or country or the District of Columbia in which 7 the applicant has or previously had any percentage of ownership in the 8 operations or the real property of the facility; and

9 (3) affirmative evidence of the applicant's ability to comply with such 10 reasonable standards and rules and regulations as are adopted under the 11 provisions of this act.

(b) The application shall be signed by the person or persons seeking
 to operate an adult care home, as specified by the licensing agency, or by a
 duly authorized agent of any person so specified.

15 (c) Any nonprofit corporation operating a nursing facility for people 16 with intellectual disability-which that, on the effective date of this act, 17 includes more than one residential building located on one site or on contiguous sites may apply for a license to operate a new nursing facility 18 19 for people with intellectual disability-which that includes more than one 20 residential building located on one site or on contiguous sites and may 21 apply for one license for each residential building located on the new site, 22 except that total resident population at any such location shall not exceed 23 75 residents.

24 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-931 is hereby amended to read as 25 follows: 39-931. (a) Whenever the licensing agency finds a substantial failure to comply with the requirements, standards or rules and regulations 26 established under this act-or that a receiver has been appointed under-27 28 K.S.A. 39-958, and amendments thereto, it, the licensing agency shall make an order denying, suspending or revoking the license after notice and 29 a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative 30 31 procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments thereto. Any 32 applicant or licensee who is aggrieved by the order may appeal such order 33 in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas judicial review act, K.S.A. 34 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), whenever the licensing 35 36 agency denies, suspends or revokes a license under this section, the 37 applicant or licensee shall not be eligible to apply for a new license or 38 reinstatement of a license for a period of two years from the date of denial, 39 suspension or revocation, and whenever the district court appoints a 40 receiver under K.S.A. 39-958, and amendments thereto, the applicant or licensee shall not be eligible to apply for a new license or reinstatement of 41 42 a license for a period of 10 years from the date the receivership action was 43 terminated under K.S.A. 39-963, and amendments thereto.

(c) (1) Any applicant or licensee issued an emergency order by the 1 2 licensing agency denying, suspending or revoking a license under this section may apply for a new license or reinstatement of a license at any 3 time upon submission of a written waiver of any right conferred upon such 4 5 applicant or licensee under the Kansas administrative procedure act,-6 K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the Kansas judicial 7 review act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto, to the 8 licensing agency in a settlement agreement or other manner as approved by the licensing agency. 9

(2) Any licensee issued a notice of intent to take disciplinary action 10 by the licensing agency under this section may enter into a settlement 11 agreement or other manner as approved by the licensing agency, with the 12 licensing agency, at any time upon submission of a written waiver of any 13 right conferred upon such licensee under the Kansas administrative 14 procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the 15 16 Kansas judicial review act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments-17 thereto

(d) No person shall operate an intermediate care facility for people
with intellectual disability, *as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto,* of five beds or less, as defined by subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, within this state unless such person:

(A) Is issued a license by the licensing agency on or before January 1,
2012; or

(B) participated in the medicaid program as an intermediate care
 facility for people with intellectual disability of five beds or less, on or
 before January 1, 2012.

27 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-931a is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-931a. (a) As used in this section, the term "person" means any 28 29 person who is an applicant for a license to operate an adult care home or who is the licensee of an adult care home and who has any direct or 30 31 indirect ownership interest of 25% or more in an adult care home or who is 32 the owner, in whole or in part, of any mortgage, deed of trust, note or other 33 obligation secured, in whole or in part, by such facility or any of the property or assets of such facility, or who, if the facility is organized as a 34 35 corporation, is an officer or director of the corporation, or who, if the 36 facility is organized as a partnership, is a partner.

(b) Pursuant to K.S.A. 39-931, and amendments thereto, the licensing
agency may deny a license to any person and may suspend or revoke the
license of any person who:

40 (1) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any provision of law or rules
41 and regulations adopted pursuant to article 9 of chapter 39 of the Kansas
42 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto;

43 (2) has had a license to operate an adult care home denied, suspended,

revoked or limited, has been censured or has had other disciplinary action
 taken, or an application for a license denied, by the proper licensing
 authority of another state, territory, District of Columbia or other country, a
 certified copy of the record of such action of the other jurisdiction being
 conclusive evidence thereof;

6 (3) has failed or refused to comply with the medicaid requirements of 7 title XIX of the social security act, or medicaid regulations under chapter 8 IV of title 42 of the code of federal regulations, a certified copy of the 9 record of such action being conclusive evidence thereof;

(4) has failed or refused to comply with the medicare requirements of
chapter 7 of title 42 of the United States code, or medicare regulations
under chapter IV of title 42 of the code of federal regulations, a certified
copy of the record of such action being conclusive evidence thereof;

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(5) has been convicted of a felony;

(6) has failed to assure that nutrition, medication and treatment of
 residents, including the use of restraints, are in accordance with acceptable
 medical practices;

(7) has aided, abetted, sanctioned or condoned any violation of law or
rules and regulations adopted pursuant to article 9 of chapter 39 of the
Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*; or

(8) has willfully admitted a person to a nursing facility in violation of
K.S.A. 39-968, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 39-955 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-955. The application for receivership shall be filed in the *Shawnee county district court or the* district court in the county where the adult care home is located. The application shall be verified and set forth the specific reasons therefor.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 39-956 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-956. The applicant shall serve those persons set forth in K.S.A. 39-954, *and amendments thereto*, with copies of the application. Service of process shall be as provided for under the code of civil procedure. The applicant shall also send-five (5) eopies *a copy* of the application for receivership to the adult care home. The adult care home shall post-the copies of the application in *a* conspicuous-places place within the adult care home.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 39-957 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-957.
A party shall file an answer to the application within five (5) days after the service of *process of* the application upon such person.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-958 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-958. (a) The application for receivership shall be given priority by the district court and shall be heard no later than the seventh day following the filing of the <u>application</u> answer or other responsive *pleading*. A continuance of no more than-10 14 days may be granted by the district court for good cause. The district court shall give all parties who have filed an answer the opportunity to present evidence pertaining to the
 application. If the district court finds that the facts warrant the granting of
 the application, the court shall appoint the secretary for aging and
 disability services or the designee of the secretary as receiver to operate
 the home.

6 (b) Upon the appointment of a receiver under this section, the 7 receiver shall be granted a license by the licensing agency to operate an 8 adult care home as provided under the provisions of article 9 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. The provisions 9 of article 9 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 10 amendments thereto, relating to inspection prior to granting a license to 11 operate an adult care home and relating to payment of license fees shall 12 not apply to a license granted to a receiver under this section, and such 13 license shall remain in effect during the existence of the receivership and 14 shall expire on the termination of the receivership. The receiver shall make 15 16 application for the license on forms provided for this purpose by the-17 licensing agency.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 39-959 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-959.
(a) A receiver appointed in accordance with the provisions of this act shall have the following powers and duties:

21 (a)(1) Conduct the day to day business operations of the adult care 22 home;

(2) operate the adult care home to provide safe and adequate
healthcare for the residents of the adult care home;

(3) correct or eliminate any deficiency in the adult care home that
concerns the health, safety, nutrition or sanitation of the residents of the
adult care home and that is life threatening or endangering;

(4) provide for the orderly transfer of all residents of the adult care
home to other adult care homes or make other provisions for such
residents' continued safety and healthcare, as necessary;

(5) be entitled to the immediate use of all proceeds of any accounts
 receivable to discharge the powers and duties of the receiver;

(6) collect incoming payments from all sources and apply such
payments to costs incurred in the performance of the receiver's powers
and duties, including compensation of the receiver, if any;

(7) enter into or terminate contracts as necessary to carry out the
receiver's powers and duties and incur expenses for individual items for
repairs, improvements or supplies, without being subject to any
requirements to procure competitive bids established by law;

40 (8) repay expenditures of the receiver from moneys appropriated to 41 the Kansas department for aging and disability services for purposes set 42 forth in K.S.A. 39-954 et seq., and amendments thereto, if incoming 43 payments from the operation of the adult care home exceed the costs incurred by the receiver in the performance of the receiver's powers and
 duties; and

3 (9) other powers and duties as authorized or imposed by the district 4 court.

5 (b) If incoming payments from the operation of the adult care home 6 exceed the costs incurred by the receiver in the performance of the 7 receiver's powers and duties, the receiver may:

8 (1) Pay post-receivership quality care assessments as established 9 under Kansas law;

(2) reimburse the owner or licensee, as appropriate, a fair monthly
 rental for the adult care home, taking into account all relevant factors,
 including the condition of such adult care home and set-offs arising from
 improvements made by the receiver; *and*

(c)(3) give fair compensation to the owner or licensee, as appropriate,
 for all property taken or used during the course of the receivership if such
 person has not previously received compensation for the property being
 taken or used;

(d) correct or eliminate any deficiency in the adult care home that
 concerns the health, safety, nutrition, or sanitation of the residents of the
 adult care home and is life threatening or endangering;

(e) enter into contracts as necessary to carry out his or her duties as
 receiver and incur expenses for individual items of repairs, improvements
 or supplies without the procurement of competitive bids, if otherwise
 required by law, where the total amount of such individual item does not
 exceed five hundred dollars (\$500);

26 (f) collect incoming payments from all sources and apply them to the
 27 costs incurred in the performance of his or her functions as receiver 28 including the compensation of the receiver, if any;

29 (g) honor all existing leases, mortgages, chattel mortgages and
 30 security interests;

(h) operate the adult care home so as to provide safe and adequate
 health care for the residents of the adult care home;

(i) provide for the orderly transfer of all residents in the adult care
 home to other adult care homes or make other provisions for their
 continued safety and health care, as necessary;

36 (j) other powers and duties as authorized or imposed by the district
 37 court.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-960 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-960. *(a)* The secretary for aging and disability services, upon request of a receiver, may authorize expenditures from moneys appropriated for purposes set forth in this act if incoming payments from the operation of the adult care home are less than the cost incurred by the receiver in the performance of the receiver's functions as receiver or for 1 purposes of initial operating expenses of the receivership.

2 (b) Any payments made by the secretary for aging and disability services pursuant to this section shall be owed by the owner, operator or 3 4 licensee, including any individuals or entities that appear on the license 5 issued by the secretary pursuant to the adult care home licensure act, and 6 repaid to the secretary for aging and disability services when the 7 receivership is terminated pursuant to K.S.A. 39-963, and amendments 8 thereto, and until repaid shall constitute a lien against all non-exempt 9 personal and real property of the owner or licensee.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-961 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-961. (a) The personnel and facilities of the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall be available to the receiver for the purposes of carrying out the receiver's duties as receiver as authorized by the secretary for aging and disability services.

(b) The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall 15 16 itemize and keep a ledger showing costs of personnel and other expenses 17 establishing the receivership and assisting the receiver and such amount shall be owed by the owner, operator or licensee to the Kansas department 18 19 for aging and disability services. Such department shall submit a bill for such expenses to the receiver for inclusion in the receiver's final 20 21 accounting. Any amount so billed and until repaid shall constitute a lien 22 against all nonexempt personal and real property of the owner, operator or 23 licensee, including any individuals or entities that appear on the license 24 issued by the secretary pursuant to the adult care home licensure act.

25 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-963 is hereby amended to read as 26 follows: 39-963. (a) The court shall terminate the receivership only under 27 any of the following circumstances:

(1) Twenty-four months after the date on which the receivership wasordered;

(2) a new license, other than the license granted to the receiver under
K.S.A. 39-958, and amendments thereto, has been granted to operate the
adult care home; or

(3) at such time as all of the residents in the adult care home have
been provided alternative modes of healthcare, either in another adult care
home or otherwise.

(b) (1) At the time of termination of the receivership, the receiver
shall render a full and complete accounting to the district court and shall
make disposition of surplus money at the direction of the district court.

(2) The court may make such additional orders as are appropriate to
recover the expenses and costs to the Kansas department for aging and
disability services-and the secretary for children and families incurred
pursuant to K.S.A. 39-960 or 39-961, and amendments thereto.

43 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 39-955, 39-956, 39-957 and 39-959 and K.S.A. 2018

- 1 Supp. 39-923, 39-927, 39-931, 39-931a, 39-958, 39-960, 39-961 and 39-
- 2 963 are hereby repealed.
- 3 Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 4 publication in the statute book.