HOUSE BILL No. 2276

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating 1 2 to unlawful voluntary sexual relations; removing the opposite-sex requirement; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5507 and repealing the 3 4 existing section. 5 6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5507 is hereby amended to read as Section 1. follows: 21-5507. (a) Unlawful voluntary sexual relations is:

- (1) Engaging in any of the following acts with a child who is 14 or more years of age but less than 16 years of age:
 - (A) Voluntary sexual intercourse;
- (B) voluntary sodomy; or
 - (C) voluntary lewd fondling or touching;
 - (2) when the offender is less than 19 years of age;
- (3) when the offender is less than four years of age older than the 15 16 child: and
 - (4) when the child and the offender are the only parties involved; and
 - (5) when the child and the offender are members of the opposite sex.
- 19 (b) Unlawful voluntary sexual relations as defined in:
- 20 (1) Subsection (a)(1)(A) is a severity level 8, person felony;
- 21 (2) subsection (a)(1)(B) is a severity level 9, person felony; and
- 22 (3) subsection (a)(1)(C) is a severity level 10, person felony.
- 23 K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5507 is hereby repealed.
- 24 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 25 publication in the statute book.