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HOUSE BILL No. 2620

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to crimes against the public peace; creating the crime of interference
3 with the conduct of a hospital; relating to battery; increasing the
4 criminal penalty for battery of a healthcare provider; amending K.S.A.
5 2021 Supp. 21-5413 and repealing the existing section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) Interference with the conduct of a hospital is:

9 (1) Conduct at or in a hospital so as to knowingly deny an employee
10 of the hospital to enter, to use the facilities of or to leave any such hospital;

11 (2) knowingly impeding any employee of a hospital from the
12 performance of such employee's duties or activities through the use of
13 restraint, abduction, coercion or intimidation or by force and violence or
14 threat thereof; or

15 (3) knowingly refusing to leave a hospital upon being requested to
16 leave by the employee charged with maintaining order in such hospital, if
17 such person is committing, threatens to commit or incites others to commit
18 any act that did, or would if completed, disrupt, impair, interfere with or
19 obstruct the mission, processes, procedures or functions of the hospital.

20 (b) Aggravated interference with the conduct of a hospital is
21 interference with the conduct of a hospital as defined in subsection (a)
22 when in possession of any weapon as described in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-
23 6301 or 21-6302, and amendments thereto.

24 (c) (1) Interference with the conduct of a hospital is a class A
25 nonperson misdemeanor.

26 (2) Aggravated interference with the conduct of a hospital is a
27 severity level 6, person felony.

28 (d) As used in this section,:

29 **(1) "Employee" means a person employed by, providing**
30 **healthcare services at, volunteering at or participating in an**
31 **educational course of instruction at a hospital; and**

32 **(2) "hospital" means the same as the term is defined in K.S.A. 65-**
33 **425, and amendments thereto.**

34 (e) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas

1 criminal code.

2 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows: 21-5413. (a) Battery is:

4 (1) Knowingly or recklessly causing bodily harm to another person;
5 or

6 (2) knowingly causing physical contact with another person when
7 done in a rude, insulting or angry manner.

8 (b) Aggravated battery is:

9 (1) (A) Knowingly causing great bodily harm to another person or
10 disfigurement of another person;

11 (B) knowingly causing bodily harm to another person with a deadly
12 weapon, or in any manner whereby great bodily harm, disfigurement or
13 death can be inflicted; or

14 (C) knowingly causing physical contact with another person when
15 done in a rude, insulting or angry manner with a deadly weapon, or in any
16 manner whereby great bodily harm, disfigurement or death can be
17 inflicted;

18 (2) (A) recklessly causing great bodily harm to another person or
19 disfigurement of another person;

20 (B) recklessly causing bodily harm to another person with a deadly
21 weapon, or in any manner whereby great bodily harm, disfigurement or
22 death can be inflicted; or

23 (3) (A) committing an act described in K.S.A. 8-1567, and
24 amendments thereto, when great bodily harm to another person or
25 disfigurement of another person results from such act; or

26 (B) committing an act described in K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments
27 thereto, when bodily harm to another person results from such act under
28 circumstances whereby great bodily harm, disfigurement or death can
29 result from such act; or

30 (4) committing an act described in K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments
31 thereto, when great bodily harm to another person or disfigurement of
32 another person results from such act while:

33 (A) In violation of any restriction imposed on such person's driving
34 privileges pursuant to article 10 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes
35 Annotated, and amendments thereto;

36 (B) such person's driving privileges are suspended or revoked
37 pursuant to article 10 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
38 amendments thereto; or

39 (C) such person has been deemed a habitual violator as defined in
40 K.S.A. 8-285, and amendments thereto, including at least one violation of
41 K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, or violating an ordinance of any
42 city in this state, any resolution of any county in this state or any law of
43 another state, which ordinance, resolution or law declares to be unlawful

1 the acts prohibited by that statute.

2 (c) Battery against a law enforcement officer is:

3 (1) Battery; as defined in subsection (a)(2); committed against a:

4 (A) Uniformed or properly identified university or campus police
5 officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's
6 duty;

7 (B) uniformed or properly identified state, county or city law
8 enforcement officer, other than a state correctional officer or employee, a
9 city or county correctional officer or employee or a juvenile detention
10 facility officer, or employee, while such officer is engaged in the
11 performance of such officer's duty;

12 (C) uniformed or properly identified federal law enforcement officer
13 while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

14 (D) judge, while such judge is engaged in the performance of such
15 judge's duty;

16 (E) attorney, while such attorney is engaged in the performance of
17 such attorney's duty; or

18 (F) community corrections officer or court services officer, while
19 such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

20 (2) battery; as defined in subsection (a)(1); committed against a:

21 (A) Uniformed or properly identified university or campus police
22 officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's
23 duty;

24 (B) uniformed or properly identified state, county or city law
25 enforcement officer, other than a state correctional officer or employee, a
26 city or county correctional officer or employee or a juvenile detention
27 facility officer, or employee, while such officer is engaged in the
28 performance of such officer's duty;

29 (C) uniformed or properly identified federal law enforcement officer
30 while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

31 (D) judge, while such judge is engaged in the performance of such
32 judge's duty;

33 (E) attorney, while such attorney is engaged in the performance of
34 such attorney's duty; or

35 (F) community corrections officer or court services officer, while
36 such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty; or

37 (3) battery; as defined in subsection (a) committed against a:

38 (A) State correctional officer or employee by a person in custody of
39 the secretary of corrections, while such officer or employee is engaged in
40 the performance of such officer's or employee's duty;

41 (B) state correctional officer or employee by a person confined in
42 such juvenile correctional facility, while such officer or employee is
43 engaged in the performance of such officer's or employee's duty;

1 (C) juvenile detention facility officer or employee by a person
2 confined in such juvenile detention facility, while such officer or employee
3 is engaged in the performance of such officer's or employee's duty; or

4 (D) city or county correctional officer or employee by a person
5 confined in a city holding facility or county jail facility, while such officer
6 or employee is engaged in the performance of such officer's or employee's
7 duty.

8 (d) Aggravated battery against a law enforcement officer is:

9 (1) ~~An~~ Aggravated battery; as defined in subsection (b)(1)(A)
10 committed against a:

11 (A) Uniformed or properly identified state, county or city law
12 enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of the
13 officer's duty;

14 (B) uniformed or properly identified university or campus police
15 officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's
16 duty;

17 (C) uniformed or properly identified federal law enforcement officer
18 while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

19 (D) judge, while such judge is engaged in the performance of such
20 judge's duty;

21 (E) attorney, while such attorney is engaged in the performance of
22 such attorney's duty; or

23 (F) community corrections officer or court services officer, while
24 such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

25 (2) ~~an~~ aggravated battery; as defined in subsection (b)(1)(B) or (b)(1)
26 (C); committed against a:

27 (A) Uniformed or properly identified state, county or city law
28 enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of the
29 officer's duty;

30 (B) uniformed or properly identified university or campus police
31 officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's
32 duty;

33 (C) uniformed or properly identified federal law enforcement officer
34 while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty;

35 (D) judge, while such judge is engaged in the performance of such
36 judge's duty;

37 (E) attorney, while such attorney is engaged in the performance of
38 such attorney's duty; or

39 (F) community corrections officer or court services officer, while
40 such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty; or

41 (3) knowingly causing, with a motor vehicle, bodily harm to a:

42 (A) Uniformed or properly identified state, county or city law
43 enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of the

1 officer's duty;

2 (B) uniformed or properly identified university or campus police
3 officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's
4 duty; or

5 (C) uniformed or properly identified federal law enforcement officer
6 while such officer is engaged in the performance of such officer's duty.

7 (e) Battery against a school employee is a battery; as defined in
8 subsection (a); committed against a school employee in or on any school
9 property or grounds upon which is located a building or structure used by a
10 unified school district or an accredited nonpublic school for student
11 instruction or attendance or extracurricular activities of pupils enrolled in
12 kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 or at any regularly
13 scheduled school sponsored activity or event, while such employee is
14 engaged in the performance of such employee's duty.

15 (f) Battery against a mental health employee is a battery; as defined in
16 subsection (a); committed against a mental health employee by a person in
17 the custody of the secretary for aging and disability services, while such
18 employee is engaged in the performance of such employee's duty.

19 (g) *Battery against a healthcare provider is a battery as defined in*
20 *subsection (a) committed against a healthcare provider while such*
21 *provider is engaged in the performance of such provider's duty.*

22 (h) (1) Battery is a class B person misdemeanor.

23 (2) Aggravated battery as defined in:

24 (A) Subsection (b)(1)(A) or (b)(4) is a severity level 4, person felony;

25 (B) subsection (b)(1)(B) or (b)(1)(C) is a severity level 7, person
26 felony;

27 (C) subsection (b)(2)(A) or (b)(3)(A) is a severity level 5, person
28 felony; and

29 (D) subsection (b)(2)(B) or (b)(3)(B) is a severity level 8, person
30 felony.

31 (3) Battery against a law enforcement officer as defined in:

32 (A) Subsection (c)(1) is a class A person misdemeanor;

33 (B) subsection (c)(2) is a severity level 7, person felony; and

34 (C) subsection (c)(3) is a severity level 5, person felony.

35 (4) Aggravated battery against a law enforcement officer as defined
36 in:

37 (A) Subsection (d)(1) or (d)(3) is a severity level 3, person felony;
38 and

39 (B) subsection (d)(2) is a severity level 4, person felony.

40 (5) Battery against a school employee is a class A person
41 misdemeanor.

42 (6) Battery against a mental health employee is a severity level 7,
43 person felony.

1 (7) *Battery against a healthcare provider is a class A person*
2 *misdemeanor.*

3 ~~(H)~~(i) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Correctional institution" means any institution or facility under
5 the supervision and control of the secretary of corrections;

6 (2) "state correctional officer or employee" means any officer or
7 employee of the Kansas department of corrections or any independent
8 contractor, or any employee of such contractor, whose duties include
9 working at a correctional institution;

10 (3) "juvenile detention facility officer or employee" means any officer
11 or employee of a juvenile detention facility as defined in K.S.A. 38-2302,
12 and amendments thereto;

13 (4) "city or county correctional officer or employee" means any
14 correctional officer or employee of the city or county or any independent
15 contractor, or any employee of such contractor, whose duties include
16 working at a city holding facility or county jail facility;

17 (5) "school employee" means any employee of a unified school
18 district or an accredited nonpublic school for student instruction or
19 attendance or extracurricular activities of pupils enrolled in kindergarten or
20 any of the grades one through 12;

21 (6) "mental health employee" means: (A) An employee of the Kansas
22 department for aging and disability services working at Larned state
23 hospital, Osawatomie state hospital, Kansas neurological institute and
24 Parsons state hospital and training center and the treatment staff as defined
25 in K.S.A. 59-29a02, and amendments thereto; and (B) contractors and
26 employees of contractors under contract to provide services to the Kansas
27 department for aging and disability services working at any such
28 institution or facility;

29 (7) "judge" means a duly elected or appointed justice of the supreme
30 court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of any district court of Kansas,
31 district magistrate judge or municipal court judge;

32 (8) "attorney" means a: (A) County attorney, assistant county
33 attorney, special assistant county attorney, district attorney, assistant
34 district attorney, special assistant district attorney, attorney general,
35 assistant attorney general or special assistant attorney general; and (B)
36 public defender, assistant public defender, contract counsel for the state
37 board of indigents' defense services or an attorney who is appointed by the
38 court to perform services for an indigent person as provided by article 45
39 of chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto;

40 (9) "community corrections officer" means an employee of a
41 community correctional services program responsible for supervision of
42 adults or juveniles as assigned by the court to community corrections
43 supervision and any other employee of a community correctional services

1 program that provides enhanced supervision of offenders such as house
2 arrest and surveillance programs;

3 (10) "court services officer" means an employee of the Kansas
4 judicial branch or local judicial district responsible for supervising,
5 monitoring or writing reports relating to adults or juveniles as assigned by
6 the court, or performing related duties as assigned by the court; and

7 (11) "federal law enforcement officer" means a law enforcement
8 officer employed by the United States federal government who, as part of
9 such officer's duties, is permitted to make arrests and to be armed.

10 (12) *"healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed,*
11 *registered, certified or otherwise authorized by the state of Kansas to*
12 *provide healthcare services in this state and employed by* **or providing**
13 **healthcare services at a hospital as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and**
14 *amendments thereto.*

15 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.