

2021 Kansas Statutes

38-2287. Child in custody, victim of certain conduct; special assessment to determine safety, placement and treatment needs. (a) Whenever a child is in custody, as defined in K.S.A. 38-2202, and amendments thereto, and there is reason to believe such child has been subjected to an act which would constitute human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking, as defined by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, or the child committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute selling sexual relations, as defined by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6419, and amendments thereto, the court shall refer the child to the secretary for children and families for an assessment to determine safety, placement, treatment and service needs for the child. The secretary shall use a validated, evidence-based assessment tool or instrument to assess such needs and shall make appropriate recommendations to the court. The secretary shall provide only a summary of the results from the assessment tool or instrument, not the complete assessment tool or instrument.

(b) When any law enforcement officer takes into custody any child as provided in K.S.A. 38-2231(b)(3), and amendments thereto, the law enforcement officer shall contact the department for children and families to begin an assessment to determine safety, appropriate and timely placement and appropriate services to meet the immediate needs of the child.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised Kansas code for care of children.

History: L. 2013, ch. 120, § 5; L. 2016, ch. 102, § 16; July 1.