

HOUSE BILL No. 2587

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to children with
2 problem sexual behavior; department for children and families.

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

5 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the
6 department for children and families receives a report of child abuse or
7 neglect and the subject of the report is a child with problem sexual
8 behavior, the department shall immediately:

9 (1) Assess any service needs of the family of such child based on
10 information gathered from the family and other sources;

11 (2) provide services that are voluntary, unless the department
12 determines there will be a high risk of abuse or neglect if the family
13 refuses to accept such services. The department shall identify services for
14 families if the department determines the child is at high risk of future
15 abuse or neglect. The department shall thoroughly document in the record
16 its attempt to provide voluntary services and the reasons these services are
17 important to reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect of the child. If the
18 family continues to refuse voluntary services or the child needs to be
19 protected, the department may commence an investigation; and

20 (3) document, at the time the case is closed, the outcome for the
21 family, any service provided and the removal of risk to the child, if it
22 existed.

23 (b) As used in this section, "child with problem sexual behavior"
24 means a child under 14 years of age who has allegedly committed sexual
25 abuse against another child.

26 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any other investigation or
27 action by the department that is otherwise authorized by law.

28 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.