

SENATE BILL No. 230

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning deprivation of rights under color of law; creating the
2 crime of deprivation of rights under color of law; authorizing a civil
3 cause of action; requiring restitution; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 22-
4 3424 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 New Section 1. (a) Deprivation of rights under color of law is any
8 action by any person, under color of any law, statute, county resolution,
9 ordinance or regulation, that knowingly subjects another person to the
10 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured or protected by
11 the constitution or laws of the United States or the state of Kansas, by
12 causing:

13 (1) Bodily harm to another person;

14 (2) great bodily harm to another person or disfigurement of another
15 person;

16 (3) bodily harm to another person with a deadly weapon, or in any
17 manner whereby great bodily harm, disfigurement or death can be
18 inflicted;

19 (4) physical contact with another person when done in a rude,
20 insulting or angry manner, or in any manner whereby great bodily harm,
21 disfigurement or death can be inflicted;

22 (5) mental anguish, emotional harm, embarrassment or similar
23 distress to another person; or

24 (6) monetary loss to another person.

25 (b) Deprivation of rights under color of law as described in:

26 (1) Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(5) is a class B person misdemeanor;

27 (2) subsection (a)(2) is a severity level 4, person felony;

28 (3) subsection (a)(3) or (a)(4) is a severity level 7, person felony;

29 (4) subsection (a)(6), when the monetary loss is:

30 (A) Less than \$1,000, is a class A nonperson misdemeanor;

31 (B) at least \$1,000, but less than \$25,000, is a severity level 9,
32 nonperson felony; and

33 (C) \$25,000 or more, is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

34 (c) A person convicted of deprivation of rights under color of law
35 shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6804(h), and
36 amendments thereto.

1 (d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas
2 criminal code.

3 New Sec. 2. (a) A person injured as a result of the conduct of another
4 that would constitute conduct prohibited by section 1, and amendments
5 thereto, may bring an action in an appropriate state court against the
6 person or persons who engaged in such conduct.

7 (b) In any action brought under this section, a prevailing plaintiff
8 shall recover up to three times the actual damages such person sustained or
9 \$10,000, whichever is greater, and the cost of the suit, including
10 reasonable attorney fees.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any action
12 commenced under this section shall be filed within three years after the
13 later of:

14 (1) The date of discovery of the violation of section 1, and
15 amendments thereto; or

16 (2) the conclusion of a related criminal case.

17 (d) At the victim's request, the attorney general may pursue cases on
18 behalf of any Kansas victim under this section. All damages obtained shall
19 go to the victim, and the attorney general may seek reasonable attorney
20 fees and costs.

21 (e) Any action brought under this section shall be subject to the
22 provisions of K.S.A. 74-7312, and amendments thereto.

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 22-3424 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows: 22-3424. (a) The judgment shall be rendered and sentence
25 imposed in open court.

26 (b) If the verdict or finding is not guilty, judgment shall be rendered
27 immediately and the defendant shall be discharged from custody and the
28 obligation of the defendant's appearance bond.

29 (c) If the verdict or finding is guilty, judgment shall be rendered and
30 sentence pronounced without unreasonable delay, allowing adequate time
31 for the filing and disposition of post-trial motions and for completion of
32 such presentence investigation as the court may require.

33 (d) (1) If the verdict or finding is guilty, upon request of the victim or
34 the victim's family and before imposing sentence, the court shall hold a
35 hearing to establish restitution. The defendant may waive the right to the
36 hearing and accept the amount of restitution as established by the court. If
37 the court orders restitution to be paid to the victim or the victim's family,
38 the order shall be enforced as a judgment of restitution pursuant to K.S.A.
39 60-4301 through 60-4304, and amendments thereto.

40 (2) (A) The court shall order a person convicted of human trafficking
41 or aggravated human trafficking, K.S.A. 21-3446 or 21-3447, prior to their
42 repeal, or K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5426, and amendments thereto, or
43 commercial sexual exploitation of a child, K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6422,

1 and amendments thereto, to pay restitution to the victim of the offense for:

2 (i) Expenses incurred or reasonably certain to be incurred by the
3 victim as a result of the offense, including reasonable attorney fees and
4 costs; and

5 (ii) an amount equal to three times the greatest of the following, with
6 no reduction for expenses the defendant incurred to maintain the victim:

7 (a) The gross income to the defendant for, or the value to the
8 defendant of, the victim's labor or services or sexual activity;

9 (b) the amount the defendant contracted to pay the victim; or

10 (c) the value of the victim's labor or services or sexual activity,
11 calculated under the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the federal
12 fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., or under K.S.A. 44-1203,
13 and amendments thereto, whichever is higher, even if the provisions do not
14 apply to the victim's labor or services or sexual activity.

15 (B) The court shall order restitution under subsection (d)(2) even if
16 the victim is unavailable to accept payment of restitution.

17 (C) If the victim does not claim restitution ordered under subsection
18 (d)(2) for five years after entry of the order, the restitution must be paid to
19 the human trafficking victim assistance fund created by K.S.A. 75-758,
20 and amendments thereto, to help victims.

21 (3) *The court shall order a person convicted of deprivation of rights*
22 *under color of law, section 1, and amendments thereto, to pay restitution*
23 *to the victim of the offense for expenses incurred or reasonably certain to*
24 *be incurred by the victim as a result of the offense, including reasonable*
25 *attorney fees and costs.*

26 (e) Before imposing sentence the court shall:

27 (1) Allow the prosecuting attorney to address the court, if the
28 prosecuting attorney so requests;

29 (2) afford counsel an opportunity to speak on behalf of the defendant;

30 (3) allow the victim or such members of the victim's family as the
31 court deems appropriate to address the court, if the victim or the victim's
32 family so requests; and

33 (4) address the defendant personally and ask the defendant if the
34 defendant wishes to make a statement on the defendant's own behalf and to
35 present any evidence in mitigation of punishment.

36 (f) After imposing sentence in a case ~~which~~ *that* has gone to trial on a
37 plea of not guilty, the court shall advise the defendant of the defendant's
38 right to appeal and of the right of a person who is unable to pay the costs
39 of an appeal to appeal in forma pauperis.

40 (g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas
41 criminal code.

42 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 22-3424 is hereby repealed.

43 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.