

SENATE FILE NO. SF0014

Circuit court hearings of municipal violations by juveniles.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juveniles; authorizing prosecution of
2 violations of municipal ordinances in circuit court as
3 specified; providing for probation revocation proceedings
4 for violations of municipal or circuit court sentences; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 5-9-105 and 14-6-203(f) (intro) and by
10 creating a new paragraph (vi) are amended to read:

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12 **5-9-105. Extending jurisdiction to try misdemeanors**
13 **committed in violation of city or town ordinances.**

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15 (a) The governing body of any city or town situate
16 situated within a judicial district in which a circuit

1 court is established may petition the supreme court to
2 extend the jurisdiction of the circuit court to determine
3 and try all persons charged with violation of the
4 ordinances of the city or town. The contribution that the
5 city or town will make toward the expenses of the circuit
6 court whose jurisdiction includes enforcing the ordinances
7 of the city or town shall be set and paid as provided by
8 written contract of the circuit judges and the governing
9 board of the city or town involved, with the approval of
10 the supreme court.

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12 (b) In accordance with W.S. 14-6-203(f), the district
13 attorney may prosecute and the circuit court may hear
14 violations of the ordinances of a city or town against a
15 minor in the circuit court of the district attorney's
16 jurisdiction. Proceedings under this subsection may be
17 commenced in the county where the child is living or is
18 present when the proceedings are commenced, or in the
19 county where the alleged delinquent act occurred.

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21 **14-6-203. Jurisdiction; confidentiality of records.**

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23 (f) The district attorney shall establish objective
24 criteria, screening and assessment procedures for

1 determining the court for appropriate disposition in
2 cooperation and coordination with each municipality in the
3 jurisdiction of the district court. The district attorney
4 shall serve as the single point of entry for all minors
5 alleged to have committed a crime. Except as otherwise
6 provided in this section, copies of all charging documents,
7 reports or citations for cases provided in this subsection
8 shall be forwarded to the district attorney prior to the
9 filing of the charge, report or citation in municipal or
10 city court. The following cases, excluding status offenses,
11 may be ~~originally~~ commenced either in the juvenile court or
12 in the district court or inferior court having
13 jurisdiction:

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15 (vi) Probation revocation proceedings from a
16 minor's violation of his municipal or circuit court
17 sentence.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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