

SENATE BILL No. 414

By Committee on Judiciary

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Proposed Amendments to SB 414 - material containing
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to controlled substances; increasing penalties for unlawful distribution
3 of controlled substances with respect to material containing any
4 quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance; creating a special
5 sentencing rule for such unlawful distribution thereof; amending
6 K.S.A. 21-5705 and 21-6805 and repealing the existing sections.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-5705 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-
10 5705. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with
11 the intent to distribute any of the following controlled substances or
12 controlled substance analogs thereof:

13 (1) Opiates, opium or narcotic drugs, or any stimulant designated in
14 ~~subsection (d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1),~~
15 and amendments thereto;

16 (2) any depressant designated in ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4105(e),~~
17 ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4107(e), subsection (b) or (c) of K.S.A. 65-~~
18 ~~4109(b) or (c) or subsection (b) of K.S.A. 65-4111(b),~~ and amendments
19 thereto;

20 (3) any stimulant designated in ~~subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-4105(f),~~
21 ~~subsection (d)(2), (d)(4), (d)(5) or (f)(2) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(2), (d)(4),~~
22 ~~(d)(5) or (f)(2) or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4109(e),~~ and amendments
23 thereto;

24 (4) any hallucinogenic drug designated in ~~subsection (d) of K.S.A.~~
25 ~~65-4105(d), subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4107(g) or subsection (g) of~~
26 ~~K.S.A. 65-4109(g),~~ and amendments thereto;

27 (5) any substance designated in ~~subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4105(g)~~
28 ~~and subsection (e), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of K.S.A. or 65-4111(c), (d), (e), (f)~~
29 ~~or (g),~~ and amendments thereto;

30 (6) any anabolic steroids as defined in ~~subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-~~
31 ~~4109(f),~~ and amendments thereto; or

32 (7) any substance designated in ~~subsection (h) of K.S.A. 65-4105(h),~~
33 and amendments thereto.

34 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with
35 the intent to distribute a controlled substance or a controlled substance
36 analog designated in K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto.

1 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to cultivate any controlled
2 substance or controlled substance analog listed in subsection (a).

3 (d) (1) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) is a:

4 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
5 less than 3.5 grams;

6 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
7 least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams;

8 (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
9 least 100 grams but less than 1 kilogram; and

10 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 1
11 kilogram or more.

12 (2) *Except as provided further*, violation of subsection (a) with respect
13 to material containing any quantity of marijuana, or an analog thereof, is a:

14 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
15 less than 25 grams;

16 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
17 least 25 grams but less than 450 grams;

18 (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
19 least 450 grams but less than 30 kilograms; and

20 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 30
21 kilograms or more.

22 (3) *Except as provided further*, violation of subsection (a) with
23 respect to material containing any quantity of a *fentanyl-related controlled*
24 *substance*, heroin; as defined by ~~subsection (e)(1) of~~ K.S.A. 65-4105(c)
25 (12), and amendments thereto, or methamphetamine; as defined by
26 ~~subsection (d)(3) or (f)(1) of~~ K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(3) or (f)(1), and
27 amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, is a:

28 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
29 less than 1 gram;

30 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
31 least 1 gram but less than 3.5 grams;

32 (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
33 least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams; and

34 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was
35 100 grams or more.

36 (4) *Except as provided further*, violation of subsection (a) with
37 respect to material containing any quantity of a controlled substance
38 designated in K.S.A. 65-4105, 65-4107, 65-4109 or 65-4111, and
39 amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, distributed by dosage unit, is a:

40 (A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the number of dosage units was
41 fewer than 10;

42 (B) drug severity level 3 felony if the number of dosage units was at
43 least 10 but *fewer* than 100;

1 (C) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of dosage units was at
2 least 100 but ~~less~~ *fewer* than 1,000; and

3 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of dosage units was
4 1,000 or more.

5 (5) *Violation of subsection (a) with respect to material containing
6 any quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance, distributed by
7 dosage unit, is a:*

8 (A) *Drug severity level 4 felony if the number of dosage units was
9 fewer than 10;*

10 (B) *drug severity level 3 felony if the number of dosage units was at
11 least 10 but fewer than 50;*

12 (C) *drug severity level 2 felony if the number of dosage units was at
13 least 50 but fewer than 250; and*

14 (D) *drug severity level 1 felony if the number of dosage units was
15 250 or more.*

16 (6) For any violation of subsection (a), the severity level of the
17 offense shall be increased one level if the controlled substance or
18 controlled substance analog was distributed or possessed with the intent to
19 distribute on or within 1,000 feet of any school property.

20 ~~(6)~~(7) Violation of subsection (b) is a:

21 (A) Class A person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection
22 ~~(d)~~(6)(B) *(d)*(7)(B); and

23 (B) nondrug severity level 7, person felony if the substance was
24 distributed to or possessed with the intent to distribute to a minor.

25 ~~(7)~~(8) Violation of subsection (c) is a:

26 (A) Drug severity level 3 felony if the number of plants cultivated
27 was more than 4 but fewer than 50;

28 (B) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of plants cultivated was
29 at least 50 but fewer than 100; and

30 (C) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of plants cultivated was
31 100 or more.

32 (e) In any prosecution under this section, there shall be a rebuttable
33 presumption of an intent to distribute if any person possesses the following
34 quantities of controlled substances or analogs thereof:

35 (1) 450 grams or more of ~~material containing any quantity of~~
36 marijuana;

37 (2) 3.5 grams or more of ~~material containing any quantity of a~~
38 *fentanyl-related controlled substance*, heroin or methamphetamine;

39 (3) *50 dosage units or more containing any quantity of a fentanyl-*
40 *related controlled substance;*

41 (4) 100 dosage units or more containing ~~a~~ *any other* controlled
42 substance; or

43 ~~(4)~~(5) 100 grams or more of ~~material containing~~ any other controlled

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1 substance.

2 (f) It shall not be a defense to charges arising under this section that
3 the defendant:

4 (1) Was acting in an agency relationship on behalf of any other party
5 in a transaction involving a controlled substance or controlled substance
6 analog;

7 (2) did not know the quantity of the controlled substance or
8 controlled substance analog; or

9 (3) did not know the specific controlled substance or controlled
10 substance analog contained in the material that was distributed or
11 possessed with the intent to distribute.

12 (g) As used in this section:

13 (1) "Material" means the total amount of any substance, including a
14 compound or a mixture, which contains any quantity of a controlled
15 substance or controlled substance analog.

16 (2) "Dosage unit" means a controlled substance or controlled
17 substance analog distributed or possessed with the intent to distribute as a
18 discrete unit, including but not limited to, one pill, one capsule or one
19 microdot, and not distributed by weight.

20 (A) For steroids, or controlled substances in liquid solution legally
21 manufactured for prescription use, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit"
22 means the smallest medically approved dosage unit, as determined by the
23 label, materials provided by the manufacturer, a prescribing authority,
24 licensed health care professional or other qualified health authority.

25 (B) For illegally manufactured controlled substances in liquid
26 solution, or controlled substances in liquid products not intended for
27 ingestion by human beings, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit" means
28 milligrams, including the liquid carrier medium, except as provided in
29 subsection (g)(2)(C).

30 (C) For lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) in liquid form, or an analog
31 thereof, a dosage unit is defined as 0.4 milligrams, including the liquid
32 medium.

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-6805 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-
34 6805. (a) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the
35 sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes. The following sentencing
36 guidelines grid for drug crimes shall be applicable to felony crimes under
37 K.S.A. 21-5701 through 21-5717, and amendments thereto, except as
38 otherwise provided by law:

SENTENCING RANGE - DRUG OFFENSES

| Category | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Severity Level | 3 + Person Felonies | 2 Person Felonies | 1 Person & 1 Nonperson Felonies | 1 Person Felony | 3 + Nonperson Felonies | 2 Nonperson Felonies | 1 Nonperson Felony | 2+ Misdemeanors | 1 Misdemeanor No Record |
| I | 204 184 185 | 186 176 | 187 178 169 | 179 170 161 | 170 162 154 | 167 158 150 | 162 154 146 | 161 150 142 | 154 146 138 |
| II | 144 136 130 | 137 130 122 | 130 123 117 | 124 117 111 | 116 111 105 | 113 108 101 | 110 104 99 | 108 100 96 | 103 98 92 |
| III | 83 78 74 | 77 73 68 | 72 68 65 | 68 64 60 | 62 59 55 | 59 56 52 | 57 54 51 | 54 51 49 | 51 49 46 |
| IV | 51 49 46 | 47 44 41 | 42 40 37 | 36 34 32 | 31 28 25 | 28 24 21 | 21 20 20 | 19 18 17 | 17 16 14 |
| V | 42 40 37 | 36 34 32 | 32 30 28 | 26 24 23 | 22 20 18 | 18 17 16 | 16 15 14 | 14 13 12 | 12 11 10 |

| LEGEND |
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| Presumptive Probation |
| Presumptive Parole |
| Presumptive Imprisonment |

1 (b) Sentences expressed in the sentencing guidelines grid for drug
2 crimes in subsection (a) represent months of imprisonment.

3 (c) (1) The sentencing court has discretion to sentence at any place
4 within the sentencing range. In the usual case it is recommended that the
5 sentencing judge select the center of the range and reserve the upper and
6 lower limits for aggravating and mitigating factors insufficient to warrant a
7 departure. The sentencing court shall not distinguish between the
8 controlled substances cocaine base (9041L000) and cocaine hydrochloride
9 (9041L005) when sentencing within the sentencing range of the grid
10 block.

11 (2) In presumptive imprisonment cases, the sentencing court shall
12 pronounce the complete sentence which shall include the:

13 (A) Prison sentence;

14 (B) maximum potential reduction to such sentence as a result of good
15 time; and

16 (C) period of postrelease supervision at the sentencing hearing.
17 Failure to pronounce the period of postrelease supervision shall not negate
18 the existence of such period of postrelease supervision.

19 (3) In presumptive nonprison cases, the sentencing court shall
20 pronounce the prison sentence as well as the duration of the nonprison
21 sanction at the sentencing hearing.

22 (d) Each grid block states the presumptive sentencing range for an
23 offender whose crime of conviction and criminal history place such
24 offender in that grid block. If an offense is classified in a grid block below
25 the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be
26 nonimprisonment. If an offense is classified in a grid block above the
27 dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be imprisonment. If an
28 offense is classified in grid blocks 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H, 4-I, 5-C or 5-D, the
29 court may impose an optional nonprison sentence as provided in K.S.A.
30 21-6804(q), and amendments thereto.

31 (e) The sentence for a second or subsequent conviction for unlawful
32 manufacturing of a controlled substance, K.S.A. 65-4159, prior to its
33 repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a03, prior to its transfer, K.S.A. 21-5703,
34 and amendments thereto, or a substantially similar offense from another
35 jurisdiction, if the controlled substance in any prior conviction was
36 methamphetamine, as defined by K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(3) or (f)(1), and
37 amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, shall be a presumptive term of
38 imprisonment of two times the maximum duration of the presumptive term
39 of imprisonment. The court may impose an optional reduction in such
40 sentence of not to exceed 50% of the mandatory increase provided by this
41 subsection upon making a finding on the record that one or more of the
42 mitigating factors as specified in K.S.A. 21-6815, and amendments
43 thereto, justify such a reduction in sentence. Any decision made by the
44 court regarding the reduction in such sentence shall not be considered a
45 departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

46 (f) (1) The sentence for a third or subsequent felony conviction of

1 K.S.A. 65-4160 or 65-4162, prior to their repeal, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-
2 36a06, prior to its transfer, or K.S.A. 21-5706, and amendments thereto,
3 shall be a presumptive term of imprisonment and the defendant shall be
4 sentenced to prison as provided by this section. The defendant's term of
5 imprisonment shall be served in the custody of the secretary of corrections
6 in a facility designated by the secretary. Subject to appropriations
7 therefore, the defendant shall participate in an intensive substance abuse
8 treatment program, of at least four months duration, selected by the
9 secretary of corrections. If the secretary determines that substance abuse
10 treatment resources are otherwise available, such term of imprisonment
11 may be served in a facility designated by the secretary of corrections in the
12 custody of the secretary of corrections to participate in an intensive
13 substance abuse treatment program. The secretary's determination
14 regarding the availability of treatment resources shall not be subject to
15 review. Upon the successful completion of such intensive treatment
16 program, the offender shall be returned to the court and the court may
17 modify the sentence by directing that a less severe penalty be imposed in
18 lieu of that originally adjudged. If the offender's term of imprisonment
19 expires, the offender shall be placed under the applicable period of
20 postrelease supervision.

21 (2) Such defendant's term of imprisonment shall not be subject to
22 modification under paragraph (1) if:

23 (A) The defendant has previously completed a certified drug abuse
24 treatment program, as provided in K.S.A. 75-52,144, and amendments
25 thereto;

26 (B) has been discharged or refused to participate in a certified drug
27 abuse treatment program, as provided in K.S.A. 75-52,144, and
28 amendments thereto;

29 (C) has completed an intensive substance abuse treatment program
30 under paragraph (1); or

31 (D) has been discharged or refused to participate in an intensive
32 substance abuse treatment program under paragraph (1).

33 (3) The sentence under this subsection shall not be considered a
34 departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

35 (g) (1) Except as provided further, if the trier of fact makes a finding
36 that an offender carried a firearm to commit a drug felony, or in
37 furtherance of a drug felony, possessed a firearm, in addition to the
38 sentence imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 21-6801 through 21-6824, and
39 amendments thereto, the offender shall be sentenced to:

40 (A) Except as provided in subsection (g)(1)(B), an additional 6
41 months' imprisonment; and

42 (B) if the trier of fact makes a finding that the firearm was
43 discharged, an additional 18 months' imprisonment.

44 (2) The sentence imposed pursuant to subsection (g)(1) shall be
45 presumptive imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a
46 departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

1 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to violations of
2 K.S.A. 21-5706 or 21-5713, and amendments thereto.

3 (h) ~~(1) The sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 21-5703, and~~
4 ~~amendments thereto, the following~~ with respect to material containing any
5 quantity of a fentanyl-related controlled substance shall be presumed
6 imprisonment and shall be two times the maximum duration of the
7 presumptive term of imprisonment:

8 (A) *K.S.A. 21-5703, and amendments thereto; and*

9 (B) *K.S.A. 21-5705, and amendments thereto, if the violation is*
10 *classified as a drug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony.*

11 (2) Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be
12 subject to appeal.

13 (i) The sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 21-5703 or 21-5705, and
14 amendments thereto, shall be presumed imprisonment and shall be two
15 times the maximum duration of the presumptive term of imprisonment if
16 the trier of fact makes a finding beyond a reasonable doubt that the
17 controlled substance involved, because of its appearance or packaging,
18 was likely to be attractive to minors. Such sentence shall not be considered
19 a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

20 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 21-5705 and 21-6805 are hereby repealed.

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