

HOUSE BILL No. 2613

AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to protective orders; relating to permanent orders; relating to unlawful sexual relations; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5512, 21-5924, 60-3104, 60-3106, 60-3107, 60-31a04 and 60-31a06 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 60-3111.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5512 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5512. (a) Unlawful sexual relations is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy with a person who is not married to the offender if:

(1) The offender is an employee or volunteer of the department of corrections, or the employee or volunteer of a contractor who is under contract to provide services for a correctional institution, and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is an inmate;

(2) the offender is a parole officer, volunteer for the department of corrections or the employee or volunteer of a contractor who is under contract to provide supervision services for persons on parole, conditional release or postrelease supervision and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is an inmate who has been released on parole, conditional release or postrelease supervision and the offender has knowledge that the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is an inmate who has been released and is currently on parole, conditional release or postrelease supervision;

(3) the offender is a law enforcement officer, an employee of a jail, or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide services in a jail and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is confined to such jail;

(4) the offender is a law enforcement officer, an employee of a juvenile detention facility or sanctions house, or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide services in such facility or sanctions house and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is confined to such facility or sanctions house;

(5) the offender is an employee of the juvenile justice authority or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide services in a juvenile correctional facility and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is confined to such facility;

(6) the offender is an employee of the juvenile justice authority or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide direct supervision and offender control services to the juvenile justice authority and:

(A) The person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is *a person* 16 years of age or older ~~and who has been:~~

~~(A)(i)~~ Released on conditional release from a juvenile correctional facility under the supervision and control of the juvenile justice authority or juvenile community supervision agency; or

~~(B)(ii)~~ placed in the custody of the juvenile justice authority under the supervision and control of the juvenile justice authority or juvenile community supervision agency; and

(B) the offender has knowledge that the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is currently under supervision;

(7) the offender is an employee of the department of social and rehabilitation services or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide services in a social and rehabilitation services institution *or to the department of social and rehabilitation services* and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, ~~not otherwise subject to subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5503, and amendments thereto,~~ lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy, ~~not otherwise subject to subsection (b)(3)(C) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5504, and amendments thereto,~~ is a person 16 years of age or older who is a patient

in such institution or in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services;

(8) *the offender is a worker, volunteer or other person in a position of authority in a family foster home licensed by the department of health and environment and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is a foster child placed in the care of such family foster home;*

~~(8)(9) the offender is a teacher or a other person in a position of authority and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, not otherwise subject to subsection (a)(3) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5503, or subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, lewd fondling or touching, not otherwise subject to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, or subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, or sodomy, not otherwise subject to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5504, or subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5504, and amendments thereto, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who is a student enrolled at the school where the offender is employed. If the offender is the parent of the student, the provisions of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5604, and amendments thereto, shall apply, not this subsection;~~

~~(9)(10) the offender is a court services officer or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide supervision services for persons under court services supervision and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who has been placed on probation under the supervision and control of court services and the offender has knowledge that the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is currently under the supervision of court services; or~~

~~(10)(11) the offender is a community correctional services officer or the employee of a contractor who is under contract to provide supervision services for persons under community corrections supervision and the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is a person 16 years of age or older who has been assigned to a community correctional services program under the supervision and control of community corrections and the offender has knowledge that the person with whom the offender is engaging in consensual sexual intercourse, lewd fondling or touching, or sodomy is currently under the supervision of community corrections.~~

(b) Unlawful sexual relations as defined in:

(1) Subsection (a)(5) is a severity level 4, person felony; and

(2) subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), ~~or (a)(10) or (a)(11)~~ is a severity level 5, person felony.

(c) (1) *If an offender violates the provisions of this section by engaging in consensual sexual intercourse which would constitute a violation of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5503, and amendments thereto, the provisions of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5503, and amendments thereto, shall apply, not this section.*

(2) *If an offender violates the provisions of this section by engaging in consensual sexual intercourse which would constitute a violation of subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, the provisions of subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, shall apply, not this section.*

(3) *If an offender violates the provisions of this section by engaging in sodomy which would constitute a violation of subsection (a)(3), (a)(4) or (b) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5504, and amendments thereto, the provisions of subsection (a)(3), (a)(4) or (b) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5504, and amendments thereto, shall apply, not this section.*

(4) *If an offender violates the provisions of this section by engaging in lewd fondling or touching which would constitute a violation of subsection (b)(2) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, the provisions of subsection (b)(2) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5506, and amendments thereto, shall apply, not this section.*

~~(c)(d)~~ As used in this section:

(1) “Correctional institution” means the same as in K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto;

(2) “inmate” means the same as in K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto;

(3) “parole officer” means the same as in K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto;

(4) “postrelease supervision” means the same as in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6803, and amendments thereto;

(5) “juvenile detention facility” means the same as in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto;

(6) “juvenile correctional facility” means the same as in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto;

(7) “sanctions house” means the same as in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto;

(8) “institution” means the same as in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto;

(9) “teacher” means and includes teachers, *coaches*, supervisors, principals, superintendents and any other professional employee in any public or private school offering any of grades kindergarten through 12;

(10) “community corrections” means the entity responsible for supervising adults and juvenile offenders for confinement, detention, care or treatment, subject to conditions imposed by the court pursuant to the community corrections act, K.S.A. 75-5290, and amendments thereto, and the revised Kansas juvenile justice code, K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 38-2301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto;

(11) “court services” means the entity appointed by the district court that is responsible for supervising adults and juveniles placed on probation and misdemeanants placed on parole by district courts of this state; and

(12) “juvenile community supervision agency” means an entity that receives grants for the purpose of providing direct supervision to juveniles in the custody of the juvenile justice authority.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5924. (a) Violation of a protective order is knowingly violating:

(1) A protection from abuse order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-3105, 60-3106 and 60-3107, and amendments thereto;

(2) a protective order issued by a court or tribunal of any state or Indian tribe that is consistent with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 2265, and amendments thereto;

(3) a restraining order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 23-2707, 38-2243, 38-2244 and 38-2255, *and amendments thereto*, and K.S.A. 60-1607, ~~and amendments thereto~~ *prior to its transfer*;

(4) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of pretrial release, diversion, probation, suspended sentence, postrelease supervision or at any other time during the criminal case that orders the person to refrain from having any direct or indirect contact with another person;

(5) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of release after conviction or as a condition of a supersedeas bond pending disposition of an appeal, that orders the person to refrain from having any direct or indirect contact with another person; or

(6) a protection from stalking order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-31a05 or 60-31a06, and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) Violation of a protective order is a class A person misdemeanor, *except as provided in subsection (b)(2)*.

(2) *Violation of an extended protective order as described in subsection (e)(2) of K.S.A. 60-3107, and amendments thereto, and subsection (d) of K.S.A. 60-31a06, and amendments thereto, is a severity level 6, person felony.*

(c) No protective order, as set forth in this section, shall be construed to prohibit an attorney, or any person acting on such attorney’s behalf, who is representing the defendant in any civil or criminal proceeding, from contacting the protected party for a legitimate purpose within the scope of the civil or criminal proceeding. The attorney, or person acting on such attorney’s behalf, shall be identified in any such contact.

(d) As used in this section, “order” includes any order issued by a municipal or district court.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 60-3104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-3104. (a) An intimate partner or household member may seek relief under the protection from abuse act by filing a verified petition with

any district judge or with the clerk of the court alleging abuse by another intimate partner or household member.

(b) A parent of or an adult residing with a minor child may seek relief under the protection from abuse act on behalf of the minor child by filing a verified petition with any district judge or with the clerk of the court alleging abuse by another intimate partner or household member.

(c) The clerk of the court shall supply the forms for the petition and orders, which shall be prescribed by the judicial council.

(d) Service of process served under this section shall be by personal service and not by certified mail return receipt requested. No docket fee shall be required for proceedings under the protection from abuse act.

(e) If the court finds that the plaintiff's address or telephone number, or both, needs to remain confidential for the protection of the plaintiff, plaintiff's minor children or minor children residing with the plaintiff, such information shall not be disclosed to the public, but only to authorized court or law enforcement personnel and to the commission on judicial performance in the discharge of the commission's duties pursuant to article 32 of chapter 20 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 60-3106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-3106. (a) Within 21 days of the filing of a petition under this act a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence and the defendant shall have an opportunity to *cross-examine the petitioner's witnesses* and present evidence on the defendant's behalf. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set the case for hearing. ~~At the hearing, the court shall~~ *and* advise the parties of the right to be represented by counsel.

(b) Prior to the hearing on the petition and upon a finding of good cause shown, the court on motion of a party may enter such temporary relief orders in accordance with subsection (a)(1), (2), (4) or (5) of K.S.A. 60-3107, and amendments thereto, or any combination thereof, as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor children from abuse. Temporary orders may be granted *ex parte*. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor children shall constitute good cause for purposes of this section. No temporary order shall have the effect of modifying an existing order granting legal custody, residency, visitation or parenting time unless there is sworn testimony at a hearing to support a showing of good cause.

(c) If a hearing under subsection (a) is continued, the court may make or extend such temporary orders under subsection (b) as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 60-3107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-3107. (a) The court may approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor children or grant any of the following orders:

(1) Restraining the defendant from abusing, molesting or interfering with the privacy or rights of the plaintiff or of any minor children of the parties. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation may constitute assault as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5412, and amendments thereto, battery as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5413, and amendments thereto, domestic battery as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5414, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(2) Granting possession of the residence or household to the plaintiff to the exclusion of the defendant, and further restraining the defendant from entering or remaining upon or in such residence or household, subject to the limitation of subsection (d). Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as defined in subsection (a)(1)(C) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5808, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto. The court may grant an order, which shall expire 60 days following the date of issuance, restraining the defendant from cancelling utility service to the residence or household.

(3) Requiring defendant to provide suitable, alternate housing for the plaintiff and any minor children of the parties.

(4) Awarding temporary custody and residency and establishing temporary parenting time with regard to minor children.

(5) Ordering a law enforcement officer to evict the defendant from the residence or household.

(6) Ordering support payments by a party for the support of a party's minor child, if the party is the father or mother of the child, or the plaintiff, if the plaintiff is married to the defendant. Such support orders shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court or until expiration and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. On the motion of the plaintiff, the court may extend the effect of such order for 12 months.

(7) Awarding costs and attorney fees to either party.

(8) Making provision for the possession of personal property of the parties and ordering a law enforcement officer to assist in securing possession of that property, if necessary.

(9) Requiring any person against whom an order is issued to seek counseling to aid in the cessation of abuse.

(10) Ordering or restraining any other acts deemed necessary to promote the safety of the plaintiff or of any minor children of the parties.

(b) No protection from abuse order shall be entered against the plaintiff unless:

(1) The defendant properly files a written cross or counter petition seeking such a protection order;

(2) the plaintiff had reasonable notice of the written cross or counter petition by personal service as provided in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 60-3104, and amendments thereto; and

(3) the issuing court made specific findings of abuse against both the plaintiff and the defendant and determined that both parties acted primarily as aggressors and neither party acted primarily in self-defense.

(c) Any order entered under the protection from abuse act shall not be subject to modification on *ex parte* application or on motion for temporary orders in any action filed pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1601 *et seq.*, prior to their transfer or repeal, or article 22 or 27 of chapter 23 of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated*, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 38-1101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto. Orders previously issued in an action filed pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1601 *et seq.*, prior to their transfer or repeal, or article 22 or 27 of chapter 23 of the *Kansas Statutes Annotated*, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 38-1101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to modification under the protection from abuse act only as to those matters subject to modification by the terms of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 23-2712, 23-2715, 23-2716, 23-2802, 23-2902 through 23-2905, 23-3001 through 23-3006, 23-3201 through 23-3207, 23-3216 and 23-3218, and amendments thereto, and on sworn testimony to support a showing of good cause. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor children shall constitute good cause. If an action is filed pursuant to K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 23-2712, 23-2715, 23-2716, 23-2802, 23-2902 through 23-2905, 23-3001 through 23-3006, 23-3201 through 23-3207, 23-3216 and 23-3218, and amendments thereto, during the pendency of a proceeding filed under the protection from abuse act or while an order issued under the protection from abuse act is in effect, the court, on final hearing or on agreement of the parties, may issue final orders authorized by K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 23-2712, 23-2715, 23-2716, 23-2802, 23-2902 through 23-2905, 23-3001 through 23-3006, 23-3201 through 23-3207, 23-3216 and 23-3218, and amendments thereto, that are inconsistent with orders entered under the protection from abuse act. Any inconsistent order entered pursuant to this subsection shall be specific in its terms, reference the protection from abuse order and parts thereof being modified and a copy thereof shall be filed in both actions. The court shall consider whether the actions should be consolidated in accordance with K.S.A. 60-242, and amendments thereto. Any custody or parenting time order, or order relating to the best interests of a child, issued pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children or the revised Kansas juvenile justice code, shall be binding and shall take precedence over any such custody or parenting order involving the same child issued under the protection from abuse act, until jurisdiction under the revised Kansas code for care of children or the revised Kansas juvenile justice code is terminated. Any inconsistent custody or parenting order issued in the revised Kansas code for care of children case or the revised Kansas ju-

venile justice code case shall be specific in its terms, reference any pre-existing protection from abuse order and the custody being modified, and a copy of such order shall be filed in the preexisting protection from abuse case.

(d) If the parties to an action under the protection from abuse act are not married to each other and one party owns the residence or household, the court shall not have the authority to grant possession of the residence or household under subsection (a)(2) to the exclusion of the party who owns it.

(e) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d), a protective order or approved consent agreement shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, except ~~that, or~~ *as provided in subsection (e)(1) and (e)(2).*

(1) *Upon motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for one additional year.*

(2) *Upon verified motion of the plaintiff and after the defendant has been personally served with a copy of the motion and has had an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at a hearing on the motion, if the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has violated a valid protection order or (A) has previously violated a valid protection order, or (B) has been convicted of a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal solicitation or attempt thereof, under the laws of Kansas or the laws of any other jurisdiction which are substantially similar to such person felony, committed against the plaintiff or any member of the plaintiff's household, the court shall extend a protective order for not less than two additional years and may extend the protective order up to the lifetime of the defendant. No service fee shall be required for a motion filed pursuant to this subsection.*

(f) The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon motion filed by either party.

(g) No order or agreement under the protection from abuse act shall in any manner affect title to any real property.

(h) If a person enters or remains on premises or property violating an order issued pursuant to subsection (a)(2), such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as defined in subsection (a)(1)(C) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5808, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto. If a person abuses, molests or interferes with the privacy or rights of another violating an order issued pursuant to subsection (a)(1), such violation may constitute assault as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5412, and amendments thereto, battery as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5413, and amendments thereto, domestic battery as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5414, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 60-31a04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-31a04. (a) A person may seek relief under the protection from stalking act by filing a verified petition with ~~the any~~ district judge or clerk of the court ~~in the county where the stalking occurred.~~ A verified petition must allege facts sufficient to show the following:

- (1) The name of the stalking victim;
- (2) the name of the defendant;
- (3) the dates on which the alleged stalking behavior occurred; and
- (4) the acts committed by the defendant that are alleged to constitute stalking.

(b) A parent or an adult residing with a minor child may seek relief under the protection from stalking act on behalf of the minor child by filing a verified petition with the district judge or with the clerk of the court in the county where the stalking occurred.

(c) The clerk of the court shall supply the forms for the petition and orders, which shall be prescribed by the judicial council.

(d) Service of process served under this section shall be by personal service. No docket fee shall be required for proceedings under the protection from stalking act.

(e) The victim's address and telephone number shall not be disclosed to the defendant or to the public, but only to authorized court or law

enforcement personnel and to the commission on judicial performance in the discharge of the commission's duties pursuant to article 32 of chapter 20 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 60-31a06 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-31a06. (a) The court may issue a protection from stalking order granting any of the following orders:

(1) Restraining the defendant from following, harassing, telephoning, contacting or otherwise communicating with the victim. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated such violation may constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5427, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(2) Restraining the defendant from abusing, molesting or interfering with the privacy rights of the victim. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation may constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5427, and amendments thereto, assault as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5412, and amendments thereto, battery as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5413, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(3) Restraining the defendant from entering upon or in the victim's residence or the immediate vicinity thereof. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as defined in subsection (a)(1)(C) of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5808, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(4) Any other order deemed necessary by the court to carry out the provisions of this act.

(b) A protection from stalking order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, ~~except that, on motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for one additional year. Before the expiration of an order for protection from stalking, a victim, or a parent on behalf of the victim, may request an extension of the protection from stalking order for up to one additional year on showing of continuing threat of stalking except as provided in subsection (c) and (d).~~

(c) *Upon motion of the plaintiff the court may extend the order for an additional year.*

(d) *Upon verified motion of the plaintiff and after the defendant has been personally served with a copy of the motion and has had an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at a hearing on the motion, if the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has violated a valid protection order or (A) has previously violated a valid protection order, or (B) has been convicted of a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal solicitation or attempt thereof, under the laws of Kansas or the laws of any other jurisdiction which are substantially similar to such person felony, committed against the plaintiff or any member of the plaintiff's household, the court shall extend a protective order for not less than two additional years and up to a period of time not to exceed the lifetime of the defendant. No service fee shall be required for a motion filed pursuant to this subsection.*

~~(e)~~(e) The court may amend its order at any time upon motion filed by either party.

~~(d)~~(f) The court shall assess costs against the defendant and may award attorney fees to the victim in any case in which the court issues a protection from stalking order pursuant to this act. The court may award attorney fees to the defendant in any case where the court finds that the petition to seek relief pursuant to this act is without merit.

~~(e)~~(g) A no contact or restraining provision in a protective order issued pursuant to this section shall not be construed to prevent:

(1) Contact between the attorneys representing the parties;

(2) a party from appearing at a scheduled court or administrative hearing; or

(3) a defendant or defendant's attorney from sending the plaintiff copies of any legal pleadings filed in court relating to civil or criminal matters presently relevant to the plaintiff.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 60-3111 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5512, 21-5924, 60-3104, 60-3106, 60-3107, 60-31a04 and 60-31a06 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.