

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Legislative Subcommittee Amendment

Proposed By-laws regarding ad-hoc members

Section 4 of Senate Bill – 367 – states in section (d)(1) – states that the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) is to, “Guide and evaluate the implementation of the changes in law relating to juvenile justice reform.” Further in section (d)(8), the JJOC is to, “...continue to review any additional topics relating to the continued improvement of the juvenile justice system”. As such it is very likely, and has proven to be the case, that members are charged to have an understanding of practices being used in the juvenile justice system. Therefore, there is a need to engage and participate in conversations with representatives of the juvenile justice system that do not have representative membership on the JJOC. It is the request of the committee to have additional non-JJOC members be appointed to the committee.

There is already a section in the by-laws that allow for it, but this requested amendment would provide guidance on what representation should be.

Article VI; Standing Committees

(B) Membership

1) Committees shall consist of no fewer than four (4) JJOC members who shall be the voting members. Additional non-JJOC members may be appointed by the JJOC Chairperson to assist the standing committees' work.

a) Non-JJOC Members may include, but not limited to:

- i. Child Advocacy Agency
- ii. Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- iii. Community Mental Health Center
- iv. Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- v. Office of the Attorney General
- vi. Family Advocacy Group
- vii. Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB)
- viii. Court Services Officer (CSO)
- ix. Intensive Supervision Officer (ISO)
- x. Kansas Department for Children and Families
- xi. Office of the Child Advocate
- xii. Justice Involved youth and/or family.