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AMENDMENTS TO LB307

Introduced by Judiciary.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 43-3102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 43-3102 (1) In any court proceeding, any waiver of the right to
- 6 counsel by a juvenile shall be made in open court, shall be recorded, and
- 7 shall be confirmed in a writing signed by the juvenile.
- 8 (2) A court shall not accept a juvenile's waiver of the right to
- 9 counsel unless the waiver satisfies subsection (1) of this section and is
- 10 an affirmative waiver that is made intelligently, voluntarily, and
- 11 understandingly. In determining whether such waiver was made
- 12 intelligently, voluntarily, and understandingly, the court shall
- 13 consider, among other things: (a) The age, intelligence, and education of
- 14 the juvenile, (b) the juvenile's emotional stability, and (c) the
- 15 complexity of the proceedings.
- 16 (3) If the court accepts the juvenile's waiver of counsel, the court
- 17 order and any probation order shall affirmatively show that the juvenile
- 18 cannot be removed from the home or detained outside the home by the court
- 19 <u>on the adjudicated petition. This shall apply:</u>
- 20 <u>(a) To any period between adjudication and disposition;</u>
- 21 <u>(b) To any period of probation; or</u>
- 22 <u>(c) In response to an alleged violation of probation on the</u>
- 23 <u>adjudicated petition</u>.
- 24 (4) On or before July 1, 2022, the Supreme Court shall provide, by
- 25 court rule, a process to ensure that juveniles are provided the
- 26 opportunity to consult with counsel to assist the juvenile in making the
- 27 decision to waive counsel.

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- 1 (5) (3) The court shall ensure that a juvenile represented by an
- 2 attorney consults with his or her attorney before any waiver of counsel.
- 3 (6) (4) No parent, guardian, custodian, or other person may waive
- 4 the juvenile's right to counsel.
- (7) (5) A juvenile's right to be represented by counsel may not be
- 6 waived in the following circumstances:
- 7 (a) If the juvenile is under the age of fourteen;
- 8 (b) For a detention hearing;
- 9 (c) For any dispositional hearing where out-of-home placement is
- 10 sought; or
- 11 (d) If there is a motion to transfer the juvenile from juvenile
- 12 court to county court or district court; or -
- (e) For any adjudication on a juvenile petition that may be used
- 14 <u>later to enhance or sustain a criminal conviction in an adult proceeding.</u>
- 15 Sec. 2. Original section 43-3102, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 16 Nebraska, is repealed.