

**SENATE BILL No. 156**

By Committee on Judiciary

2-6

1 AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to creating a hazard;  
2 amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6318 and repealing the existing  
3 section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6318 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 21-6318. (a) Creating a hazard is recklessly:

8 (1) Storing or abandoning, in any place accessible to children, a  
9 container which has a compartment of more than one and one-half cubic  
10 feet capacity and a door or lid which locks or fastens automatically when  
11 closed and which cannot be easily opened from the inside, and failing to  
12 remove the door, lock, lid or fastening device on such container;

13 (2) being the owner or otherwise having possession of property upon  
14 which a cistern, well or cesspool is located, and failing to cover the same  
15 with protective covering of sufficient strength and quality to exclude  
16 human beings and domestic animals therefrom; ~~or~~

17 (3) exposing, abandoning or otherwise leaving any explosive or  
18 dangerous substance in a place accessible to children; *or*

19 (4) *exposing, abandoning or otherwise leaving any loaded firearm*  
20 *that is not equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other*  
21 *safety device, properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable*  
22 *by any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized user, in a*  
23 *place accessible to children.*

24 (b) Creating a hazard *as defined in:*

25 (1) *Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) is a class B nonperson misdemeanor;*  
26 *and*

27 (2) *subsection (a)(3) or (a)(4) is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.*

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6318 is hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
30 publication in the statute book.