

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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TESTIMONY
Before the Senate Judiciary Committee
Regarding 2011 Senate Bill 7 (DUI)
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Senator Tim Owens, Chairman, and Members of the Committee:

The KBI maintains the state's central criminal history repository. SB 7 requires all courts to report dispositions for DUI cases electronically to the central repository.

The KBI is fully supportive of the bill and the electronic reporting requirement. Electronic disposition reporting built specifically for DUI cases can be leveraged for all disposition reporting, thereby dramatically improving the currency and quality of Kansas criminal history information and producing a windfall advantage to criminal justice agencies not only in Kansas but quite literally nationwide.

The timing of the electronic reporting requirement is concerning however. Electronic disposition reporting of the scale envisioned by the bill must be built not only at the central repository, but also with the district and municipal courts. Presumably funding for KBI to develop the capability at the central repository would be available July 1, 2011, at which time a project could be initiated. But district and municipal courts will be able to do little until KBI can deliver an interface specification for the electronic reporting system. The time required to engage and onboard a vendor partner, develop an appropriate project plan, gather requirements, and design the electronic interface will leave an inordinately brief period of time for KBI and the courts to implement the specification and comply with the electronic reporting requirement.

KBI respectfully recommends a July 1, 2013 date would be more appropriate for mandated electronic reporting. Such a timeframe should afford the KBI opportunity to develop the specification and build a robust, well tested electronic gateway, and should provide the courts ample time to integrate the electronic specification into their existing processes and systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

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