

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5029

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

2-12

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Kansas bureau of
2 investigation to establish a blue alert system for the state of Kansas.

3 WHEREAS, A Blue Alert is designed to speed the apprehension of
4 violent criminals who kill or seriously injure law enforcement officers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Eighteen states currently have the Blue Alert in place,
7 while other states and the federal government are considering establishing
8 a Blue Alert; and

9 WHEREAS, The four criteria for issuance of a Blue Alert are: (1) A
10 law enforcement officer must have been killed or seriously injured by an
11 offender; (2) the investigating law enforcement agency must determine
12 that the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public and other law
13 enforcement personnel; (3) a detailed description of the offender's
14 vehicle, vehicle tag or partial tag must be available for broadcast to the
15 public; and (4) the investigating law enforcement agency of jurisdiction
16 must recommend activation of the Blue Alert; and

17 WHEREAS, All Kansans respect and are grateful for the service of the
18 men and women who serve as law enforcement officers and are deeply
19 saddened whenever an officer is killed or injured; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature desires that a Blue Alert system be
21 established in the State of Kansas; and

22 WHEREAS, Kansas already has in place similar systems; Amber
23 Alerts for abducted children, and Silver Alerts for missing senior citizens;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The most efficient and effective means of establishing a
26 Blue Alert system in Kansas would be for the Kansas Bureau of
27 Investigation, using its existing authorities, to establish a Blue Alert
28 system: Now, therefore,

29 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
30 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Kansas Legislature urges the
31 Kansas Bureau of Investigation to establish a Blue Alert system for the
32 State of Kansas and urges all law enforcement agencies and other
33 appropriate organizations and people to lend support to this effort.

34 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
35 enrolled copy of this resolution to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.