

**SENATE BILL No. 248**

By Senator Faust-Goudeau

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1 AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to victim  
2 notification prior to release of certain inmates; amending K.S.A. 2013  
3 Supp. 22-3727 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3727 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 22-3727. (a) Prior to the release of any inmate on parole,  
8 conditional release, expiration of sentence or postrelease supervision, if an  
9 inmate is released into the community under a program under the  
10 supervision of the secretary of corrections, or after the escape of an inmate  
11 or death of an inmate while in the secretary of corrections' custody, the  
12 secretary of corrections shall give written notice of such release, escape or  
13 death to any victim of the inmate's crime who is alive and whose address is  
14 known to the secretary or, if the victim is deceased, to the victim's family  
15 if the family's address is known to the secretary. Such notice shall be  
16 required to be given to the victim or the victim's family only if the inmate  
17 was convicted of any crime in article 33, 34, 35 or 36 of chapter 21 of the  
18 Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or articles 53, 54, 55 or 56  
19 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 21-  
20 6104, 21-6325, 21-6326 or 21-6418 through 21-6421, and amendments  
21 thereto. *Whenever feasible, such notice shall be given at least 14 working*  
22 *days prior to the release of such inmate.* Failure to notify the victim or the  
23 victim's family as provided in this section shall not be a reason for  
24 postponement of parole, conditional release or other forms of release.

25 (b) As used in this section, "victim's family" means a spouse,  
26 surviving spouse, children, parents, legal guardian, siblings, stepparent or  
27 grandparents.

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3727 is hereby repealed.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.