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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Pauls
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 4, 2016

Subject: HB 2549 – Requests for law enforcement assistance from foreign jurisdictions.

House Bill No. 2549 authorizes the chief law enforcement executive for any law enforcement agency to request assistance to from law enforcement agencies in another jurisdiction, including a jurisdiction from outside of Kansas.

The bill provides that an officer making an arrest or apprehension outside of the officer's jurisdiction is to assist with any affidavits necessary for the complaint against the detained individual or evidence related to the alleged crime. Additionally, the provisions of Kansas law regarding arrest procedures and use of force are applicable to any foreign officer responding to a request for assistance.

The bill provides that all responding law enforcement officers are deemed employees of their respective agencies while performing any services under the bill and all pertinent employment laws shall be interpreted accordingly.

Finally, nothing in this bill limits the authority of any law enforcement agency acting under K.S.A. 19-828, authorizes multijurisdictional law enforcement agreements for the purposes of preventing illegal drug and terrorist activities.

If enacted, the bill would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register.