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**Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB376
March 7, 2016**

Chairman Barker and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB376. This is more of a technical amendment to KSA 75-712c than a substantive change. This statute establishes requirements for law enforcement in regards to the investigation of missing persons.

In the context of when law enforcement agencies must make the NCIC entry of a missing person, the current phrase "as soon as practical" is no longer in line with federal law. 42 USC 5780 was amended in 2014 requiring the NCIC entry within 2 hours of the receipt of information. We are recommending KSA 75-712c be amended to reflect these changes. There is minimal information required before the NCIC entry can be made and that minimal information varies by the circumstances and type of the missing person case. For that reason, we clarified the start of the 2-hour period is when law enforcement has the minimal information required for an NCIC entry. You will see the new language, "within two hours of receipt of the minimum data required to enter a record into such system" on page 1, lines 23-24.

The amendments made by the Senate committee on page 1, line 24 and on page 2, lines 35-38 were made at our request to clarify the different requirements when there is a "high-risk" missing person and eliminating any conflict between the two subsections.

We encourage you to move this bill favorably for passage.

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