

**HOUSE BILL No. 2478**

By Representative Sloan

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1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications; relating to prepaid wireless  
2 devices; creating the public safety prepaid wireless communications  
3 device committee.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the public safety prepaid  
7 wireless communications device committee to examine the public safety  
8 implications of prepaid wireless devices being used in criminal activities  
9 and to recommend legislation to address those legitimate public safety  
10 issues. In considering the recommendations the committee will make to  
11 the legislature, the committee may consider 2015 house bill 2084 as a  
12 starting point to balance public safety, personal privacy, federal and state  
13 authority and retailer and customer convenience.

14 (b) The public safety prepaid wireless communications device  
15 committee shall consist of 10 members to be appointed by the governor.  
16 All members appointed shall be familiar with the issue of prepaid  
17 communications devices being used in criminal activities with the  
18 members of the committee representing the following organizations: (1)  
19 The director of the Kansas bureau of investigation, who shall serve as  
20 chairperson;

21 (2) one law enforcement officer from the chiefs of police;

22 (3) one sheriff;

23 (4) one representative from the Kansas county and district attorneys  
24 organization;

25 (5) three representatives from the wireless telecommunications  
26 providers;

27 (6) one representative from the petroleum marketers and convenience  
28 store association of Kansas; and

29 (7) two representatives from retail stores that sell prepaid devices in  
30 Kansas.

31 (c) The chairperson of the committee may invite other interested  
32 national law enforcement organizations, including the federal bureau of  
33 investigation and the department of homeland security, to participate as  
34 non-voting members. The chairperson may also invite the federal  
35 communications commission and the federal trade commission to  
36 participate as non-voting members.

1 (d) The committee shall provide a report with recommendations for  
2 any appropriate legislative actions to the senate committee on utilities and  
3 the house committee on utilities and telecommunications by the first week  
4 of the 2017 legislative session.

5 (e) Members of the public safety prepaid wireless communications  
6 device committee attending meetings of such committee, or attending a  
7 subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such committee, shall be paid  
8 subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A.  
9 75-3223, and amendments thereto, but shall not receive any compensation.

10 (f) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of  
11 revisor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services  
12 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the committee and to  
13 the extent authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
15 publication in the statute book.