

SENATE BILL No. 231

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-16

1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement; relating to Wichita state university;
2 amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-726 and repealing the existing section.
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 New Section 1. (a) The city of Wichita and Wichita state university
6 shall enter into an agreement, as provided in K.S.A. 76-726, and
7 amendments thereto, to define the geographical scope of the jurisdiction
8 conferred, circumstances requiring the extended jurisdiction, scope of law
9 enforcement powers and duration of the agreement. Any agreement
10 entered into pursuant to this section shall be approved by the governing
11 body of the city of Wichita and the chief executive officer of Wichita state
12 university.

13 (b) Such agreement shall be entered into within 90 days of the
14 effective date of this act.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-726 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 76-726. (a) The chief executive officer of any state educational
17 institution may employ university police officers to aid and supplement
18 state and local law enforcement agencies. Such university police officers
19 shall have the power and authority of law enforcement officers:

20 (1) On property owned or operated by the state educational
21 institution, by a board of trustees of the state educational institution, an
22 endowment association, an athletic association, a fraternity, sorority or
23 other student group associated with the state educational institution *and*
24 *upon the environs of such properties;*

25 (2) on the streets, property and highways ~~immediately~~ adjacent to the
26 campus of the state educational institution;

27 (3) within the city where such property as described in this subsection
28 is located, as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of students
29 and faculty of the state educational institution or municipal university, with
30 appropriate agreement by local law enforcement agencies.

31 *Subject to section 1, and amendments thereto,* such agreements shall
32 include provisions, defining the geographical scope of the jurisdiction
33 conferred, circumstances requiring the extended jurisdiction, scope of law
34 enforcement powers and duration of the agreement. Any agreement
35 entered into pursuant to this provision shall be approved by the governing
36 body of the city or county, or both, having jurisdiction where such

1 property is located, and the chief executive officer of the state educational
2 institution or municipal university involved before such agreement may
3 take effect; and

4 (4) additionally when there is reason to believe that a violation of a
5 state law, a county resolution, or a city ordinance has occurred on property
6 described in ~~provisions~~ *paragraphs* (1) or (2), such officers, with
7 appropriate notification of, and coordination with, local law enforcement
8 agencies, may investigate and arrest persons for such a violation anywhere
9 within the city where such property, streets and highways are located.
10 University police officers shall also have authority to transport persons in
11 custody to an appropriate facility, wherever it may be located. University
12 police officers at the university of Kansas medical center may provide
13 emergency transportation of medical supplies and transplant organs.

14 (b) In addition to enforcement of state law, county resolutions and
15 city ordinances, university police officers shall enforce rules and
16 regulations of the board of regents and rules and policies of the state
17 educational institution, whether or not violation thereof constitutes a
18 criminal offense. Every university police officer shall, while on duty, wear
19 and publicly display a badge of office, except that no such badge shall be
20 required to be worn by any plain clothes investigator or departmental
21 administrator, but any such person shall present proper credentials and
22 identification when required in the performance of such officer's duties. In
23 performance of any of the powers, duties and functions authorized by this
24 act or any other law, university police officers shall have the same rights,
25 protections and immunities afforded to other law enforcement officers.

26 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 76-726 is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.