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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2695
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2695. The employees DOC proposes adding to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act often work alongside our officers while engaging in their DOC assignments. These employees conduct much of their business outside the prison walls searching for and arresting absconders and others under DOC control and supervision. In doing so, they are engaging those they are searching for and others engaged in criminal acts.

The assurance of their continued training in law enforcement standards and techniques that are constantly changing and evolving is important. This not only good for the safety of these DOC employees and our officers they are working with, but also for the public. The level of potential resistance and violence in these encounters requires all responding officers to not only be well trained, but to be well synchronized with other agencies in that process.

We encourage you to recommend HB2695 favorably for passage.

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