

MAJOR BILL UPDATE March 10, 2023

Top Priorities

1. **Reduce Armed Violence Act** ([Support HB2031/SB193](#))
Targets offenders prohibited from possessing firearm committing new violent crimes while armed.
HB2031-Dead; SB193 on Senate GO.
2. **Fentanyl Distribution and Manufacturing Sentencing Enhancements** ([Support SB238/SB240/HB2398](#)) Targeting the offender side of the Fentanyl crisis.
SB238-On Senate GO; HB2398 Passed House 121-0, In Senate Judiciary.
NOTE: HB2398 had fentanyl test strip legalization added in the House committee, which we have taken a neutral position.
3. **Updating Chapter 19 Article 19 Jail Operation Statutes** ([Support SB228](#))
Not updated since 1923; clarifies when prisoner requires medical clearance prior to booking. *Passed Senate 34-3. House C&JJ hearing 3/8.*
4. **Work Comp coverage for First Responders PTSD Treatment** ([Support SB165](#))
First responders currently only covered when the traumatic event lead to a physical injury. *Inactive for 2023.*
5. **Ks Law Enforcement Training Center Funding Adjustment** ([Support](#))
No funding increase since 2016; services will have to be cut at end of FY2024 if not addressed. *Being worked as budget issue.*

Public Safety

6. **Possession of a Firearm During an Illegal Drug Transaction** ([Support SB216/HB2329](#))
These armed offenders are too frequently involved in shootings.
SB216 Inactive; HB2329 Dead.
7. **Increase fines for speeding in excess of 30 mph over limit** ([Support HB2146](#))
Speeding offenses at the high excesses are dramatically increasing. *Dead.*
8. **Offender Registration** ([Support HB2213](#))
Oppose elimination of drug and violent offender registration; oppose restricting public access to drug, violent offender, and juvenile sex offender registry; Support single point of registration, manifest hardship exemption from fees, pathway for early release from registration for drug or violent offenders. *HB2213 Inactive.*
9. **Marijuana Legalization, medical or recreational** (**Oppose SB135, SB171 and HB2367, HB2417**)
We oppose the method of sale and concerned about public safety issue occurring in other states. *Hearing on SB135 March 15 and 16.*

Crime Victims

10. **Adding Use of Tracking Devices to Protection and Restraining Order Violations** ([Support SB217](#))
Clarifies law to assure using a tracking device to track protected person is a violation of order. *Passed Senate 40-0. House C&JJ hearing 3/9.*

Mental Health

11. Continue to address State Hospital Capacity: Emergency Commitments and Competency. Waiting lists still exist at both Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital ([Support addition to KDADS budget to reimburse local LE, Hospitals, CMHC for cost of holding patients to open beds at state hospitals](#)) *Funding in both House and Senate budgets.*

KPERS

12. KPERS Retiree Inflation Adjustment ([Support SB198/HB2252](#)) ([Oppose HB2025](#))
25 yrs since last inflation adjustment for KPERS Retirees
SB198 Exempt but no action; HB2252-Inactive; HB2025-Inactive.
13. Expand Deferred Retirement Option Plan to all KP&F agencies ([Support HB2196](#))
Enhances recruitment and retention; lowers LE vacancies. Currently only offered to KBI and KHP. *Passed House 120-1. Senate FI&I Committee hearing 3/9.*

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

14. [SB174](#): Increasing penalty for certain types of interference with law enforcement officers. *Passed Senate 32-6. House C&JJ Hearing 3/8.*
15. [SB189](#): Expanding access to records of applicants for law enforcement positions when not hired when conducting a background investigation.
Passed Senate 39-0. House Judiciary hearing 3/7.
16. [HB2034](#): Requiring referral of children who are victims of alleged abuse or neglect to a medical examination by medical staff trained in child abuse and neglect cases.
Passed House 121-1. Senate Public Health and Welfare hearing 3/8.
17. [HB2121](#): Extending exemption for speedy trial statute for another year. *Passed House 112-9. In Senate Judiciary, hearing 3/16.*
18. [HB2198](#): Adding Parks and Wildlife Officers to KP&F.
Passed House 118-3. Senate FI&I hearing 3/8.
19. [HB2326](#): Extending sunset on Scrap Metal Theft Reduction Act for five years and clarifying catalytic converters are included in the act.
Passed House 120-1. In Senate Judiciary, hearing 3/14.
20. [HB2346](#): Back the Blue license plates with revenue going to Kansas COPS.
Passed House 116-6. In Senate Transportation, hearing 3/14.
21. [HB2350](#): Creating new crime of human smuggling.
Passed House 117-4. In Senate Judiciary, hearing 3/15.