

MAJOR BILL UPDATE March 19, 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, a topic 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. Approved by House C&JJ with amendments, now on House GO.*
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, SB310 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. Bill tabled in committee.*

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. Approved by House C&JJ Committee with amendments, now on GO.*

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. Approved by Senate FI&I Committee with amendments, now on Senate GO.*

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. Approved by Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee with amendments, now on Senate GO.
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. Approved by Senate FI&I Committee with amendment, now on Senate GO.
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. Approved by Senate Judiciary Committee with amendments, now on Senate GO.
20. [HB2346](#): Back the Blue license plates with revenue going to Kansas COPS.
Passed House 116-6. Approved in Senate Transportation with amendments, now on Senate GO.
21. [HB2350](#): Creating new crime of human smuggling.
Passed House 117-4. In Senate Judiciary, hearing 3/15.