

SESSION OF 2004

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF ON
SENATE BILL NO. 299**

As Agreed to March 31, 2004

Brief*

SB 299 requires any surety or authorized agent of a surety, commonly referred to as a bounty hunter, to inform law enforcement authorities in the city or county before attempting the apprehension of a fugitive.

The surety or bounty hunter would be required to present to the local law enforcement authorities a certified copy of the bond, a valid government-issued photo identification, written appointment of agency, and all other appropriate paperwork identifying the principal and the person to be apprehended. Local law enforcement may accompany the agent. No person may act as a surety or bounty hunter who, within the past 10 years, has been convicted of a person felony.

Violation of this act shall be a class A nonperson misdemeanor for the first violation and a level 9 nonperson felony upon a second and subsequent violation.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to the House amendments and to delete the requirement that bounty hunters first demand admittance and announce who they are before entering, and made certain technical amendments.

Background

The bill was recommended by the 2003 interim Special Committee on Judiciary.

The bill was supported by a representative of the Kansas Professional Sureties, the Lawrence Police Department, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association.

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