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Chairman Billinger and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Jacobs and I have serve as the Executive Officer of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). Thank you for the opportunity to present neutral testimony related to House Bill (HB) 2077.

The KBI is responsible for the operation and security of the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) Infrastructure and therefore has a particular interest in the provisions of this bill related to cybersecurity incident reporting.

In addition to provisions governing the confidentiality and reporting of cybersecurity incidents, the bill would require entities connected to the KCJIS to report those incidents within 12 hours, and would require the KBI to subsequently report significant cybersecurity incidents to the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) within 12 hours of receiving such reports.

The effect on agencies connected independently to KCJIS would be negligible. Reporting requirements already exist in policy, and the KBI currently cooperates closely with the KISO on matters of cybersecurity protection, reporting, and recovery involving state and local systems. The provisions of HB 2077, which outline the reporting requirements for entities connected to KCJIS, will establish a clear line of reporting responsibility and keep those agencies from having to report to multiple state agencies, while still providing the information to the KISO.

While the KBI does not take a position on the remainder of the bill, we strongly support the provision of the bill, which requires the reporting of cybersecurity incidents, and the stipulation that such information shall be confidential.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony and for the committee's time and consideration of HB 2077.

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