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**Testimony on SB 414
Submitted to Senate Committee on Judiciary**

By Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee of Kansas

The Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) appreciates the opportunity to offer a perspective on the proposed changes in SB 414. We are in support of the bill.

JJOC is committed to data driven, evidence-based solutions that increase public safety and hold youth accountable. Since the passage of SB 367, JJOC continues to address challenges in the juvenile justice system with solutions that are data driven and evidence based. JJOC is supportive of SB 414 for those following reasons.

The JJOC still supports and wishes to support juvenile crisis intervention center as the previous language allowed. However, we recognize that many communities cannot establish or sustain that type of facility, despite the need for those services. JJOC supports this bill in its effort to deliver much needed services to the communities in Kansas, for young people that need assistance. When youth need an intermediate level of support a juvenile crisis intervention center, or stabilization center, will prevent them from falling deeper into the system and have an opportunity to remain closer to their community, and allow for a more immediate return to their community support.

The facilities and services in place that JJOC is aware of and that we assume this bill is targeting, utilizes evidenced based practices and proven interventions to support and support youth. Therefore, we are in support of this bill and its use of the Evidenced Based Programs Account (EBPA). We believe this would be an excellent use of the funds, within the guidelines of its original purpose, and would encourage members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary to support these types of services in the community. It allows for these youth to remain in their parents' custody and in the community – truly what EBPA funds were intended.

Sincerely,



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