

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 452** be amended on page 1, following line 11, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) Unlawful approach of a first responder is knowingly:

(1) Approaching or remaining within 25 feet of an individual whom the person knows or reasonably should have known is a first responder;

(2) while such first responder is engaged in the performance of such first responder's duties;

(3) after receiving a visual or audible signal not to approach or remain within 25 feet of such first responder given by a first responder because of a reasonable belief, under the totality of the circumstances, that separation is necessary for the safety of any person or property; and

(4) causing such first responder to:

(A) Be distracted from performing such first responder's duties; or

(B) have an increased level of concern of physical harm to any person or damage to property.

(b) Unlawful approach of a first responder is a class B person misdemeanor.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, an emergency medical services provide, as defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto, or a firefighter as defined in K.S.A. 40-1709, and amendments thereto; and

(2) "law enforcement officer" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 21-5111, and

amendments thereto, and any federal law enforcement officer as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 8401 or 6 U.S.C. § 271.

(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.";

On page 4, in line 33, after "including" by inserting "any such"; also in line 33, by striking "owed" and inserting "owned";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "creating the crime of unlawful approach of a first responder and providing penalties therefor;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson