

SENATE BILL No. 479

By Senator Corson

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1 AN ACT concerning state law enforcement personnel; authorizing the
2 Kansas highway patrol and Kansas bureau of investigation to establish
3 and implement a comprehensive wellness program for officers and
4 employees; permitting certified law enforcement personnel of other
5 state agencies to participate in such programs; making annual transfers
6 from the state highway fund and the state general fund for the purpose
7 of financing the implementation of such programs.

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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. (a) The superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol and
11 the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation are hereby authorized to
12 establish and implement comprehensive wellness program. Such
13 comprehensive wellness program shall be designed to safeguard the health
14 and resilience of officers and employees of the Kansas highway patrol and
15 Kansas bureau of investigation thereby strengthening the mission
16 effectiveness of such agencies. The superintendent and director shall
17 permit certified law enforcement personnel of other state agencies to
18 participate in such programs. Such comprehensive wellness program shall
19 provide officers and employees with resources and training to address:

20 (1) Mental health and suicide prevention;
21 (2) physical fitness and injury prevention;
22 (3) relational wellness; and
23 (4) financial stability.

24 (b) (1) On July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, or as
25 soon after each such date as moneys are available, notwithstanding the
26 provisions of K.S.A. 68-416, and amendments thereto, the director of
27 accounts and reports shall transfer \$350,000 from the state highway fund
28 (276-00-4100-4100) of the department of transportation to the Kansas
29 highway patrol operations fund (280-00-2034-1100) of the Kansas
30 highway patrol for the purpose of financing the implementation of the
31 comprehensive wellness program of the Kansas highway patrol.

32 (2) On July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, or as soon
33 after each such date as moneys are available, the director of accounts and
34 reports shall transfer \$150,000 from the state general fund to a fund of the
35 Kansas bureau of investigation as designated by the director of the Kansas
36 bureau of investigation for the purpose of financing the implementation of

1 the comprehensive wellness program of the Kansas bureau of
2 investigation.

3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.