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Proponent to SB 331
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

The Kansas Sheriff's Association submits testimony as a proponent of SB 331.

The language as written in SB 331 Section 50 related to adding (employee of the department of corrections, local correctional officer or local detention officer.)

Corrections personnel are not included in current law. Corrections personnel are at just as much risk as commissioned law enforcement officers for bodily harm and threats. Corrections personnel are around inmates for their entire shift not just the time it takes to work the call, arrest and book the individual.

Corrections are a very important piece of the Criminal Justice System and they should be afforded the same protections as other important members of the system.

The Kansas Sheriff's Association is a proponent of Section 50 of this bill as written. We thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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