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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB419
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Chair Warren and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB419. The employees DOC proposes adding to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act often work alongside our officers while engaging in their DOC assignments. These employees conduct much of their business outside the prison walls searching for and arresting absconders, parole violators and others under DOC control and supervision. In carrying out this function, they often also encounter other criminal activity. But most importantly for this discussion, they are frequently working jointly with our local officers when conducting their work.

The assurance of their continued training in law enforcement standards and techniques that are constantly changing and evolving is important. This not only good for the safety of these DOC employees and our officers they are working with, but also for the offenders being sought and the public. The level of potential resistance with violence in these encounters requires all responding officers to not only be well trained, but to be well synchronized in that process. Including this limited group of DOC officers in the KLETC training will enhance that consistency.

We encourage you to recommend SB419 favorably for passage.

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