



KANSAS STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Bryan Clark, President
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Re: Support for Senate Bill 419

Date: February 10, 2022

Senator Warren and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony on behalf of the Kansas State Troopers Association in support of SB 419.

The KSTA represents over 500 Troopers, motor carrier inspectors, capital police officers, and retirees. Our members serve the citizens of Kansas in the traditional role of supporting and keeping Kansans safe on the highways, as well as drug interdiction, DUI enforcement, serving in special operations units like the Special Response Team, the Canine Unit (of which I am a member), as well as the aircraft unit. Our Troop K members (Capitol Police) are here each day to keep you safe as you serve in this beautiful building.

The Kansas State Trooper Association joins the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) in support of this bill which amends K.S.A. 74-5602(g) by including the Special Agents of the Enforcement, Apprehension, and Investigations (EAI) division of KDOC in the definition of "law enforcement officers" in the state of Kansas.

SB 419 also allows the Secretary of Corrections to designate, with the consent of the Director of Police Training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), an employee who is not a Special Agent to attend the law enforcement training center or any training school certified pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5604a, and amendments thereto, or to attend courses provided by the training center or training schools. This allows other DOC employees to attend those training courses offered to law enforcement, when in the judgment of the Secretary of Corrections such training would enhance the DOC employee's expertise to better serve the citizens of Kansas.

The better trained law enforcement officers and other DOC employees, the safer the environment they work in, the safer they are and the safer all Kansans will be.

Thank you for considering my remarks,

Sincerely,

Bryan Clark
President,
Kansas State Troopers Association