

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Chairwoman Warren and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) supports SB 413. The fentanyl crisis in Kansas (and nationwide) continues to worsen. The KBI has prioritized and dedicated significant resources to the Fight Against Fentanyl with the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT) which includes four K9 teams trained in the detection of fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics. This year we are asking for additional enhancement funding to continue surging resources against this synthetic opioid.

This bill would amend K.S.A. 21-5705 to articulate and include penalties for any fentanyl-related controlled substance. The KBI believes this is a necessary and important amendment that will clarify the law and punish those who manufacture and distribute fentanyl and other dangerous drugs in our communities.

The KBI appreciates the work of this Committee in this regard and stands ready to assist as needed.

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