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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2041
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association supports the provisions of HB2041 amending the exceptions allowing the release of certain criminal history record information (Section 2) and amending requirements for courts reporting dispositions to the KCJIS Central Registry (Sections 1 and 3).

I will address Section 2 covering the criminal history record information release exceptions first. About 6 months ago one of our sheriff's offices was working with a vendor for a victim notification system. The attorneys for the county would not approve an agreement because the statute didn't clearly state information about releasing a jail inmate was exempted from the restrictions on releasing criminal history records information. Upon further exploration of the issue, the Kansas Sheriff's Association agreed the law lacked clarity on the issue. As a result we requested this provision in the bill.

The release of this information has been a critical component of victim support programs across Kansas for many years. The legislature has long supported that effort. This amendment simply amends the statute to clearly allow a practice that is used in every county of the state. A practice that is in sync with past legislatures intent to serve the victims of crime.

The other sections of this bill address a need for getting disposition data into the central registry from municipal courts. It is not requiring new data to be provided to the courts but resolves a conflict between KSA 12-4106 and KSA 22-7405. KSA 22-7405 already requires all of this information to be reported to the KCJIS Central Repository. However, KSA 12-4106 limited that information to Class A and B misdemeanors. This conflict was discovered during work on the new DUI IT project (RAPID) the KBI was directed by the legislature to complete. This information is important to law enforcement to be included in a person's criminal history record information. Nothing in this bill changes the existing requirements for fingerprinting certain municipal code offenders which is covered in KSA 12-4517.

We respectfully request your support to recommend HB2041 favorably for passage. Doing so will ensure law enforcement's ability to help protect victims of crime by allowing them to be notified of the release from jail of their attacker. It will also assure accurate and useful information about dispositions in the municipal courts are included in criminal history record information available to law enforcement. Together these amendments will improve public safety in Kansas.

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