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General Information:

Provided testimony on the following bills during week of February 15-19

HB2680 driving in left lane (Opposition)

SB533 E-citations (Proponent)

SB497 Switchblade knives

Other committee activity

Monitored final action on several bills in Senate Judiciary

Monitored final action on several bills in House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee.

Monitored final action on several bills in House Judiciary Committee.

Prepared and delivered letter to a couple of senators regarding a proposed amendment to SB456 the Robo-call bill.

Prepared and delivered a letter to the House leadership attempting to get the switchblade knife bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Prepared and delivered a letter to Senator Schmidt regarding a proposed floor amendment he and Senator Haley had prepared on SB346, the ten day retention of DOC prisoner bill.

Legislative Schedule

Saturday February 20, is "turn around day" when all non-exempt bills have to be out of the house of origin. Our focus can now turn to just the bills that still have life at this point and testimony as needed in the second chamber. The Senate "blessed" many bills in the Senate Judiciary Committee by sending them to an exempt committee then back to Judiciary. This exempts them from the deadlines.

Action on priority issues

1. SB48 (911 Funding): The Senate Utilities Committee held discussions on this bill then appointed four subcommittees to examine different issues in the bill. The chair wants to work this bill in final action this coming week. One of the subcommittees is chaired by Senator Brownlee and is looking at the 55¢ rate which she doesn't like because her county (Johnson) currently only imposes a 40¢ rate. She also is exploring ways the funds can be used to encourage consolidation of PSAPs, especially those with very low call rates. Here subcommittee will meet again Tuesday morning.
2. SB375 (Repeal of Capital Punishment): This bill was narrowly defeated on Friday in a 20-20 vote in the Senate. We believe the issue is dead for this year, but during debate Senator Owens, the chair of Senate Judiciary and a proponent of abolishing the death penalty made it pretty clear his committee would continue in future years to allow advocates of abolishing the death penalty to have a forum in his committee. So expect it to be back next year.
3. SB458 (Forensic testimony by video): This bill was passed by the Senate and now goes to the House. Senator Haley attempted to amend it on the Senate floor to include mandatory videotaping of interrogations by law enforcement. This motion to amend failed.
4. HB2454 (Sentencing enhancement for felons wearing ballistic vest): Awaiting action in the Senate Judiciary Committee.
5. KBI Support for local law enforcement: The KCJIS line issue continues to be a major concern and is looking bleaker. It has not been included in any appropriations bills yet.

- However, several bills designed to assist the KBI lab issues were passed by the House including: HB2605 enhancing assessment and collection of forensic testing fees from defendants; and HB2637 enhancing assessment and collection of DNA fees from defendants.
6. Retirement bills: There was no action this week on this issue.

Hearings Scheduled for week of February 22-26:

Tuesday, February 23

Senate Judiciary Committee 9:30 AM Room 548-S

[SB 494](#) - Providing for the exercise of the functions of sheriff by the undersheriff of a county.

Wednesday, February 24

Senate Judiciary Committee 9:30 AM Room 548-S

[SB 520](#) - Employment of county and city prisoners, credit on fines and costs earned.

Thursday, February 25

Senate Health and Welfare Committee, 1:30 PM, 546-S

[HB 2411](#)--Criminalizing certain synthetic cannabinoids, adding to schedule I controlled substances list

House Federal and State Affairs Committee, 1:30, Room 346-S

[HB 2685](#) - Personal and family protection act; amendments

Friday, February 26

Senate Transportation Committee, 8:30, Room 152-S

[SB 480](#)--Regulating traffic; license plates

Senate Judiciary Committee 9:30 AM Room 548-S

[SB 504](#) - Personal and family protection act; amendments.

[SB 523](#) - Enacting the Kansas racketeer influenced and corrupt organization act (Kansas RICO act).

[SB 524](#) - Increasing penalties for unlawful sexual relations and requiring offender registration; increasing penalties when staff traffic in dangerous contraband in a correctional facility

Final Action Schedule for Senate Judiciary

Tuesday, February 23

[SB 399](#) - Controlled substances; aggravated endangering a child; enhanced penalties for distributing on park property and distributing to a child or pregnant person.

Thursday, February 25

[SB 494](#) - Providing for the exercise of the functions of sheriff by the undersheriff of a county.

[SB 520](#) - Employment of county and city prisoners, credit on fines and costs earned.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED THIS WEEK:

[SB 549](#), An act creating a private cause of action for victims of child pornography. (Committee on Federal and State Affairs)

Referred to Judiciary

[HB 2702](#), An act concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to transmission of sexually explicit or nude images of minors; amending K.S.A. 21-3516 and repealing the existing section.

Committee on Federal and State Affairs

(Calendar and Printing)

[HB 2703](#), An act concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; retirement benefits, maximum; employee contributions, increase; amending K.S.A. 74-4958, 74-4958a and 74-4965 and repealing the existing sections. (Committee on Appropriations)

Referred to Select Committee on KPERS