AN ACT concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating
to reporting the death or disappearance of a child.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
Section 1. (a) Failure to report the disappearance of a child is
knowingly failing to report to a law enforcement officer or state
investigative agency, as soon as practically possible, the disappearance of a
child under the age of 13 by a parent, legal guardian or caretaker when:
(1) Such person knows or reasonably should know that such child has
been missing for a period of 12 hours or more; or
(2) such person knows that such child is missing and has reason to
believe or reasonably should have reason to believe that such child is in
imminent danger of death or great bodily harm.
(b) Failure to report the death of a child is knowingly failing to report
the death of a child as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 22a-242, and
amendments thereto, by a:
(1) Parent, legal guardian or caretaker; or
(2) person required to make a report as provided in subsection (c) of
K.S.A. 38-2223, and amendments thereto, unless such person is a parent,
legal guardian or caretaker.
(c) (1) Failure to report the disappearance of a child is a severity level
8, nonperson felony.
(2) Failure to report the death of a child as defined in:
(A) Subsection (b)(1) is a severity level 8, nonperson felony; and
(B) subsection (b)(2) is a class B nonperson misdemeanor.
(d) As used in this section, “caretaker” means a person 16 years of
age or older that has willfully assumed responsibility for the care of a child
at the time of the child’s disappearance.
Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.