

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5029**

As Amended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HCR 5029 would declare that the Kansas Legislature urges the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to establish a Blue Alert system. A Blue Alert would be issued after four criteria are met:

- A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured;
- An investigating law enforcement agency determines that the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public or law enforcement personnel;
- A description of the offender's vehicle, vehicle tag, or partial tag is available to broadcast to the public; and
- An investigating law enforcement agency of jurisdiction recommends activation of the Blue Alert.

The resolution notes that Kansas already has in place similar alert systems, including the Amber Alert for abducted children and the Silver Alert for missing senior citizens. Additionally, 18 states have a Blue Alert system in place, while other states and the federal government are considering the establishment of a Blue Alert system.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The concurrent resolution was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of the Attorney General's Office. In the House Committee, representatives of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Fraternal Order of Police and a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association testified in support of the resolution. Attorney General Derek Schmidt and a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police submitted written testimony supporting the resolution. A representative of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters testified as a neutral conferee. There was no opponent testimony.

The House Committee amended the resolution to correct a typographical error.

There is no fiscal note available for the resolution..