

SENATE BILL No. 467

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-24

1 AN ACT concerning veterans and military; missing military members;
2 creating a statewide alert system.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas camo alert
6 system. The Kansas camo alert system shall be established and
7 implemented by the office of attorney general, in collaboration with the
8 Kansas bureau of investigation, the Kansas highway patrol, local law
9 enforcement agencies and other public and private agencies and
10 organizations. Under the Kansas camo alert system, public notice of a
11 missing military member may be promptly broadcast and a search may be
12 timely undertaken with the cooperation of local law enforcement, news
13 media and the general public in order to locate such military member in
14 time to avoid serious harm or death to the missing military member or a
15 member of the public.

16 (b) The term "camo alert" shall not be used in requesting public
17 assistance to find a missing military member unless law enforcement has
18 determined:

19 (1) The person reported missing meets the definition of "military
20 member" as provided by this section;

21 (2) the military member's location is unknown;

22 (3) the disappearance of the military member is a risk to the military
23 member's health and safety or the health and safety of another; and

24 (4) it is appropriate to request public assistance in locating the
25 missing military member.

26 (c) As used in this section:

27 (1) "Military member" means a current or former member of the
28 United States armed forces, including the national guard or a reserve or
29 auxiliary unit of any branch of the armed forces, who has elected to
30 participate in the camo alert system and who suffers from a mental illness,
31 including post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury.

32 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.