

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

Picked up a new client of former military guys who created an AI active shooter emergency notification program and wanted to introduce them to you. The group is called ZeroEyes.

To: The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chair
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary
Kansas Department of Corrections

Date: January 23, 2024

Re: Testimony on House Bill 2522

Mr. Chairman, Committee, thank you for allowing me to comment on House Bill 2522, related to the release of the incarcerated population back into the community.

At the Department of Corrections, we are currently striving to achieve the actions outlined in this bill. Reintegration and re-entry remain a high priority for us, as 95 percent of our current residents will one day return to the community. Providing opportunities for residents to reenter society as fully engaged citizens is essential to public safety and is key to reducing recidivism rates. Having the proper documentation upon return to the community helps returning citizens obtain a job and, in turn, support their success.

We support this bill.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to provide testimony to you today and welcome any questions you might have.