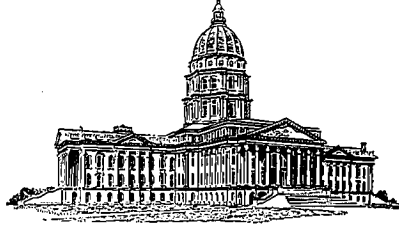


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House Corrections & Juvenile Justice Committee
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RE: HB 2600

Dear Committee Members:

Last year the Legislature provided a change in the law so that a police officer could call the local community mental health center and find out if someone he was arresting had a history of mental illness.

As a member of the Johnson County Criminal Advisory Council, I recently received a report from local law enforcement that the law was not working because it required an arrest. HB 2600 requires detention of the individual but not arrest. This change will enable law enforcement to make use of this exception to the privacy laws.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Colloton".

Pat Colloton

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