

Testimony in support of House Bill 2360
House Committee on Children and Seniors

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Madam Chair and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2360.

Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas is a 501(c)3 organization working with middle and high school students and is required by the terms of our grant agreement with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) to ensure all our employees who work with students are subject to an annual background check. Our agreement specifically states the background check must be performed by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). As we understand it, if House Bill 2360 does not pass, we would not be able to use KBI to perform background checks and would be unable to meet the terms of our grant.

In the past, we have asked for permission to use other organizations or companies that perform national background checks and were not allowed to use any entity other than the KBI. If House Bill 2360 does not pass, we are unsure of our options going forward. It is critical that we are able to ensure the safety of our students. Thus, we respectfully ask the Committee to pass House Bill 2360 and allow non-profit organizations like JAG-K to use the KBI to perform these important background checks.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to stand in support of House Bill 2360.