

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2290**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Kansas tort claims act, K.S.A. 75-6101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the attorney general may refuse to provide legal representation to or indemnification of a public agency or employee or agent of a public agency in an action, proceeding or investigation involving an alleged violation of the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The provisions of K.S.A. 75-6108(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a refusal under this section.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the open records act.

New Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Kansas tort claims act, K.S.A. 75-6101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the attorney general may refuse to provide legal representation to or indemnification of a public agency or employee or agent of a public agency in an action, proceeding or investigation involving an alleged violation of the Kansas open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto. The provisions of K.S.A. 75-6108(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a refusal under this section.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the open meetings act.

New Sec. 3. (a) The attorney general shall appoint a Kansas victim information and notification everyday (VINE) coordinator, and within the limits of appropriations available

therefor, such additional staff as necessary to support the coordinator.

(b) The Kansas VINE coordinator shall work with interested parties, including, but not limited to, the sheriffs throughout the state, to oversee the implementation and operation of the VINE system throughout the state.

(c) The attorney general may appoint an advisory board to make recommendations for the implementation and operation of the VINE program. Such advisory committee, if appointed, may consist of up to five members appointed by the attorney general. One member shall be a victim advocate and one shall be a representative of the Kansas sheriffs' association. Except as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, no member of any such advisory committee shall receive any compensation, subsistence, mileage or other allowance for serving on an advisory board appointed pursuant to this section.

(d) The attorney general shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.";

On page 3, in line 8, by striking "1" and inserting "4";

On page 6, in line 2, by striking "1" and inserting "4"; in line 33, by striking "1" and inserting "4";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to legal representation or indemnification in alleged violations of the open records act or the open meetings act; creating a statewide Kansas victim information and notification everyday (VINE) coordinator;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson