SENATE BILL No. 467
By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) As used in this section:

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

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