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Before the House Committee on Corrections
And Juvenile Justice
Regarding SB 419 (Proponent)
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Chairman Owens and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) supports SB 419. The fentanyl crisis in Kansas (and nationwide) continues to worsen. The KBI has prioritized and dedicated significant resources to the Fight Against Fentanyl with the Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT). While Director Mattivi has stated that we cannot enforce our way out of the problem that does not mean we shouldn't severely punish those bad actors who insist on manufacturing and distributing fentanyl.

To that end, this bill would amend K.S.A. 21-5601 to include any fentanyl related controlled substance as a listed factor in aggravated endangering of a child. The KBI is aware of several criminal investigations where prosecutors are unable to charge at the most severe level against drug dealers who are manufacturing, storing and delivering fentanyl in the presence and residence of children. This bill will correct that issue. The KBI appreciates the work of this Committee in this regard and stands ready to assist as needed.

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