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The Joint Committee notes the increasing importance of security for the information assets of the State and therefore encourages cybersecurity training for all legislators and those who work in state government.

The Joint Committee recommends the Kansas Legislative Office of Information Services develop cybersecurity training to be offered to legislators.

The Joint Committee suggests members of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, during the budget process, ask each agency to provide information on its security training protocols.

The Joint Committee notes the increased role for Internet-based conferencing for legislative meetings, upgrades to the Statehouse in response to that, and the continuing requirement for funding for maintenance for the added equipment.

The Joint Committee commends the Department of Agriculture for its emphasis on education for food preparation and service businesses and its interactions with licensees using web conferencing under certain circumstances.

The Joint Committee recognizes changes in business practices by agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and encourages agencies to evaluate those practices for efficacy and efficiency to determine which should be continued when in-person contacts are no longer curtailed.

The Joint Committee commends Legislative Post Audit for its work on evaluating agency information technology security and agencies that quickly respond to identified information security weaknesses.

The Joint Committee commends the Department of Health and Environment for its requirement that each employee receive annual information security training and its emphasis on keeping Kansans' health information confidential.

The Joint Committee recommends the Kansas Highway Patrol, through its Troop K (Capitol Police) develop and implement drills with regard to mass demonstrations.

The Joint Committee recommends examination of statutory language regarding mobilization of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and inefficiencies required when an emergency is reasonably expected to be ongoing even though a formal declaration of emergency has an endpoint.

The Joint Committee recommends the 2021 Legislature review and update the Kansas Emergency Management Act to incorporate lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Joint Committee supports and commends the collaborative efforts of the KBI and the Department for Children and Families to assist youth in foster care who may be or become victims of human trafficking or sexual violence. It expresses its hope such efforts can be extended statewide.

The Joint Committee supports proposals of the KBI to mandate the submission and testing of every sexual assault kit collected through a reported sexual offense, establish Child Victim Task Forces like that in the Northeast Region in other KBI regions of the state and work in cooperation with the Department for Children and Families to protect vulnerable children, and provide continued funding to replace the aging Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) for collecting data about crime and add capabilities for collecting data on officer-involved shootings.