

## HOUSE BILL No. 2707

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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1 AN ACT concerning the secretary of corrections; relating to parole  
2 officers; firearms; amending K.S.A. 75-5214 and repealing the existing  
3 section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5214 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
7 5214. (a) The secretary of corrections shall appoint parole officers in a  
8 number sufficient to administer the provisions of this act. Parole officers  
9 appointed by the secretary of corrections shall have and exercise police  
10 powers to the same extent as other law enforcement officers and such  
11 powers may be exercised by them anywhere within the state. ~~Such parole~~  
12 ~~officers~~ *A parole officer appointed by the secretary of corrections may*  
13 *carry firearms while performing such officer's duties if such officer has*  
14 *completed a training course prescribed by the secretary of corrections.*  
15 *Parole officers appointed by the secretary of corrections shall, in addition*  
16 *to their regular compensation, receive their actual and necessary traveling*  
17 *and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.*

18 (b) The secretary may utilize the volunteer services of, or contract  
19 with, any of the following to obtain parole services if necessary and if an  
20 economic benefit to the state or an improvement in parole and correctional  
21 objectives can be shown:

- 22 (1) Any qualified individual, partnership, corporation or organization;  
23 (2) any agency of the state;  
24 (3) the United States; or  
25 (4) any political subdivision of the state, or any agency thereof.

26 Volunteer or contract parole officers shall have the same powers and  
27 duties as parole officers employed by the secretary, except that they shall  
28 not be deemed to be law enforcement officers or have law enforcement  
29 powers.

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-5214 is hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.