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AN ACT

To amend chapter 221, RSMo, relating to jails and jailers by adding thereto one new section relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 221, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 221.510, to read as follows:

**221.510. 1. This section hereafter shall be known as "Jake's Law" in honor of Jake
2 Robel.**

**3 2. Every chief law enforcement official, sheriff, public jailer, private jailer,
4 department of corrections officials and all regional jail district officials shall conduct an
5 inquiry of pending outstanding warrants on all prisoners about to be released, whether
6 convicted or being held on suspicion of charges.**

**7 3. No prisoner, whether convicted or being held on suspicion of charges, shall be
8 released or transferred from one correctional facility to another prior to having a warrant
9 check conducted by an authorized member of the correctional facility.**

**10 4. If any prisoner's warrant check indicates outstanding charges or outstanding
11 warrants from another jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of the official requesting the
12 warrant check to inform the agency that issued the warrant that the correctional facility
13 has such person in custody and that prisoner shall not be released unless to the custody of
14 the jurisdictional authority that had issued the warrant, unless the warrant has been
15 satisfied or dismissed, or unless the warrant issuing agency has notified the correctional
16 facility holding the prisoner that they do not wish the prisoner be transferred or the**

17 warrant to be pursued.

18 **5. Any person may make a report to the Missouri highway patrol for violations of**
19 **this section, which shall conduct an investigation. If, in the opinion of the superintendent**
20 **of the highway patrol, the investigation yields reasonable grounds to believe that a**
21 **violation of this section is occurring or has occurred, he or she shall refer such information**
22 **to either the attorney general or the county prosecutor of the county where the violations**
23 **are alleged to have occurred.**

24 **6. If an authorized member of the correctional facility fails to perform a warrant**
25 **check which results in the release of a prisoner with outstanding warrants, that individual**
26 **shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.**