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Missouri Moves To Allow Bistate Police Response

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon has signed legislation allowing law enforcement agencies to assist each other across state lines in the Kansas City metro area.

Now, the Kansas City Metro Tactical Officers Association will try to get a similar law passed in Kansas, as required by the Missouri legislation.

The measure signed by Nixon last week would let officers in nine Missouri and Kansas counties respond to requests for help across the state line for active shootings, terrorist acts or other incidents that endanger the public.

Missouri counties named in the bill are Jackson, Clay, Platte, Cass and Ray. The Kansas counties are Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami.

The mutual aid arrangement would be established only if the Kansas Legislature passes a similar law, or the Kansas governor issues an executive order.

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