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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 14 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole announced today that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) has granted \$250,000 to the Kansas Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration to help provide probation service to Kansas counties with populations of 20,000 or more.

The LEAA discretionary grant for an "improvement and expansion of probation services" project is supported under Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The Kansas Senators explained that the project's main focus will be to obtain sufficient probation officer personnel, with training and clerical support, to achieve a probation officer-client ratio that is within the range of current acceptable national standards.

Lawrence T. Egan, Deputy Director of the Kansas Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration, will direct the 12 month project that will begin July 1, 1971.