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## **Talking Points for SIMON's LAW**

- passed by nearly unanimous, 37-3 bipartisan vote in the Kansas Senate on March 22, 2016;
- is based on testimony of victim families, verified in medical records, book and film;
- will prevent hardships and unjustified deaths to minors from secretly placed DNR orders;
- requires one written parent signature in hospitals alleging they already obtain oral parental consent;
- guarantees parents as the final decision-maker for DNR order that ends a child's life;
- ensures transparency in the medical treatment of all minors;
- defends children with special needs from negative "quality of life" assessments;
- protects life-sustaining care for critically injured child when parent not yet in hospital, as in a school bus crash;
- requires disclosure (upon request) of any existent hospital policy concerning refusal of lifesustaining care;
- creates no new crime nor any new regulation under physician licensure;
- adopts long-held Kansas guardianship law for recourse to court process to secure lifesustaining treatment.