Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2317

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representatives McDonald and Reavis on behalf of the Dream Acres FASD Community and the Kansas FASD Support Network

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the Kansas department of health and environment; establishing the fetal alcohol spectrum disorders task force; providing for the membership and dissolution thereof; requiring the study of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

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

Section 1. (a) The secretary of health and environment shall establish a fetal alcohol spectrum disorders task force that shall study the effects and prevalence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in the state of Kansas and may make recommendations for changes to the law and rules and regulations therefor.

(b) (1) The task force shall consist of 12 members to be appointed as follows:

(A) One senator appointed by the president of the senate;

(B) one senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(C) one representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(D) one representative appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(E) one member appointed by the secretary of the department of health and environment;

(F) one member appointed by the secretary for children and families who is a current foster parent of a child with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(G) two members appointed by the governor, one of whom is a professional healthcare professional who works to diagnose children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and one of whom is a behavioral health professional who works with children diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders;

(H) two members appointed by the commissioner of education, one of whom is a current special education teacher and one of whom is an employee or designee from families together, inc.; and

(I) two members appointed by the secretary for aging and disability

services who are citizen advocates for children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

(2) All members shall be appointed by their respective appointing authorities and reported to the secretary of health and environment on or before July 15, 2025.

(3) The member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The member appointed by the president of the senate shall serve as the vice chairperson of the task force.

(4) Legislative members shall serve during the legislative session in which they are appointed to the task force and remain members of the legislature in order to retain membership on the task force. Vacancies of legislative members during a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment only for the unexpired part of the term. The appointing authority for a legislative member may remove or reappoint such member or substitute such member with another appointee at any time.

(5) All nonlegislative members shall serve until December 31, 2026. Vacancies of nonlegislative members shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment only for the unexpired part of the term. The appointing authority for the nonlegislative member may remove or reappoint such member or substitute such member with another appointee at any time.

(c) Members of the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto. Members' expenses and compensation shall be paid from any special revenue fund of the Kansas department of health and environment, as designated by the secretary.

(d) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the chairperson.

(e) The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2026.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.