

## HOUSE BILL No. 2657

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT concerning information technology; establishing the Kansas  
10 partnership for accessible technology.

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

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas partnership  
14 for accessible technology with the following purposes and charges:

15 (1) The partnership membership shall consist of up to 30 members  
16 as follows:

17 (A) The director of statewide web/IT accessibility;

18 (B) the state Americans with disabilities act coordinator;

19 (C) the executive director of the Kansas commission on disability  
20 concerns;

21 (D) the director of the department of administration division of  
22 purchases;

23 (E) the chief information technology architect;

24 (F) the executive branch chief information technology officer;

25 (G) the legislative branch chief information technology officer;

26 (H) the judicial branch chief information technology officer;

27 (I) the executive director of the information network of Kansas;

28 (J) the state archivist;

29 (K) the state geographic information systems director;

30 (L) a representative from the Kansas department of social and re-  
31 habilitation services appointed by the secretary of social and rehabilitation  
32 services;

33 (M) a representative from the Kansas department on aging appointed  
34 by the secretary of aging;

35 (N) a representative from the division of information systems and  
36 communications appointed by the director of the division of information  
37 systems and communications;

38 (O) a representative from the state department of education ap-  
39 pointed by the commissioner of education;

40 (P) a representative from the regents information technology council  
41 of the Kansas board of regents appointed by the chairperson of the re-  
42 gents information technology council;

43 (Q) a representative from Kan-ed appointed by the executive director

1 of Kan-ed;

2 (R) a representative from the Kansas health policy authority ap-  
3 pointed by the executive director of the Kansas health policy authority;

4 (S) a representative from the Kansas division of emergency manage-  
5 ment within the office of the adjutant general appointed by the director  
6 of emergency management;

7 (T) a representative from Kansas relay services, inc. appointed by the  
8 chairperson of the board of directors of Kansas relay services, inc.; and

9 (U) up to 10 appointments by the governor from among the following  
10 categories:

11 (i) County government;

12 (ii) local government;

13 (iii) Kansas state school for the blind;

14 (iv) Kansas school for the deaf;

15 (v) disability advocates from the private sector; and

16 (vi) the public at-large.

17 Members appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the  
18 governor.

19 (2) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the partnership shall  
20 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

21 (3) The partnership shall elect, annually, a chairperson and vice-  
22 chairperson from its memberships. The partnership may elect other of-  
23 ficers from among its members and may establish any committees  
24 deemed necessary to discharge its duties.

25 (4) The partnership shall receive staff support from the director of  
26 statewide web/IT accessibility.

27 (5) The partnership shall work jointly with officials from other state  
28 organizations, municipal and tribal governments, as well as with busi-  
29 nesses and organizations in the private sector whose products, services,  
30 or activities affect the accessibility of state information technology serv-  
31 ices, programs, or systems.

32 (6) Except as provided by this subsection, members of the partner-  
33 ship performing duties pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as  
34 authorized by the partnership, shall be paid amounts as provided in sub-  
35 section (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, upon vouchers  
36 approved by the chairperson of the partnership or the chairperson's des-  
37 ignee. No member of the partnership shall be paid an amount as provided  
38 in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, if such  
39 member receives an amount from another governmental or private entity  
40 for the purpose for which such amount is payable under subsection (e)  
41 of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

42 (b) Powers and duties:

43 (1) The partnership shall address information technology accessibility

1 issues and provide policy, standards, guidelines, or procedural recom-  
2 mendations to the information technology executive council.

3 (2) The partnership shall coordinate, review and provide recommen-  
4 dations on programs for enterprise wide assessment and monitoring of  
5 compliance with information technology accessibility standards and pol-  
6 icies to the information technology executive council.

7 (3) The partnership shall review annually and recommend modifi-  
8 cations as required to the state information technology accessibility pol-  
9 icies, and related documents, in response to any pertinent advances in  
10 technology or changes in federal information technology accessibility  
11 standards, or both.

12 (4) The partnership shall develop and provide information, training,  
13 support, and resources on information technology accessibility to agency  
14 information technology implementers and other stakeholders.

15 (5) The partnership shall aim to establish a leadership role for Kansas  
16 in the national effort to improve access to and use of information and  
17 services by individuals with disabilities.

18 (6) The partnership shall be a standing advisory committee to the  
19 information technology executive council, and other committees, boards  
20 and commissions as appropriate, and shall provide a copy of its annual  
21 report to the information technology executive council, the governor and  
22 legislature.

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